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YOUR TELNOS 783 AND 784 AND TELECONS PARSONS/ACLAND: FALKLAND ISLANDS: STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT WHICH WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO MINISTERS FOR ISSUE BY NUMBER TEN TONIGHT (PROBABLY NOT BEFORE 22.00Z). THE SINGLE NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES WOULD BE USED SIMPLY TO AVOID THE BLEAKLY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF THE UNADORNED STATEMENT.
2. BEGINS. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY TODAY THEIR DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY SIR ANTHONY PARSONS ON MONDAY, 17 MAY, FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MINISTERS AT CHEQUERS ON 16 MAY.
3. WE RECEIVED THIS RESPONSE THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TONIGHT. IT AMOUNTS TO A REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSALS.
4. IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS DOCUMENT THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS. THE TEXT REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL HARDENING OF THE ARGENTINE POSITION.
5. WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS CLEAR TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.
6. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MAKING A FULL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW. WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY FOR THE MOMENT. ENDS.

NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES - STRICTLY UNATTRIBUTABLE

7. BEGINS. QUESTION: HOW HAS THE ARGENTINE POSITION HARDENED? ANSWER: THROUGHOUT THE SUCCESSIVE ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE ARGENTINES HAVE SOUGHT TO PRE DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS AND THE ISLANDERS EITHER BY PREJUDICIAL LANGUAGE IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, OR BY THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE ON THE GROUND IN THE INTERIM PERIOD. THIS TEXT DOES BOTH. ENDS NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES.

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YOUR TELNO 787: FALKLAND ISLANDS: STATEMENT

1. The present intention is to issue a short statement at 1100Z 20 May confirming rejection of the Argentine proposals and our view that an end to the present round of negotiations has been reached. We will telegraph text to you before issue.

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