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YOUR TELNO 442: FALKLANDS

1. I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT 1410Z TODAY (20 MAY). I SAID THAT WE APPRECIATED THE POSITIVE ASPECTS IN HIS AIDE MEMOIRE. BUT IT DIFFERED IN IMPORTANT RESPERCTS FROM OUR BOTTOM LINE. A FORTIORI IT DIFFERED FUNDAMENTALLY FROM THE LATEST ARGENTINE POSITION. EVEN IF ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IT WOULD TAKE DAYS IF NOT WEEKS TO KNOW WHETHER SUCCESS COULD BE ACHIEVED. I HAD EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR DEADLINE OF MID-DAY ON 19 MAY.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT HE KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR DEADLINE. HIS IDEA HAD BEEN TO WORK TODAY WITH THE ARGENTINES IN ORDER TO SEE WHETHER HE COULD PERSUADE THEM TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO US IN PLACE OF THEIR UNSATISFACTORY DOCUMENT OF 18 MAY.

3. I WENT ON TO SAY THAT EVEN IF WE WERE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF HIS PAPER, WE WOULD FIRST NEED TO SEE DETAILED COMMENTS FROM THE ARGENTINES ON EVERY SINGLE POINT IN IT. WE WOULD FOR INSTANCE NEED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THEY AGREED WITH EVERY WORD OF THE FORMULATIONS ON THE POINTS WHERE HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE PARTIES WERE IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT.

4. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT THAT COINCIDED EXACTLY WITH HIS OWN THINKING

5. I THEN REPEATED THE POINTS I HAD ALREADY MADE, AND WENT ON TO SPEAK ABOUT MILITARY PLANS AS IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID ON THE LATTER POINT THAT THAT HAD BEEN HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

6. IN CONCLUSION PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD NOT PRODUCED A PLAN, JUST CONFIDENTIAL IDEAS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD ASSIST THE PARTIES TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PUBLISHING THESE: IT WOULD BE DISHONEST TO DO SO.

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