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MY TELNO 803 (NOT TO ALL): FALKLANDS.

1. THE SECRETARY GENERAL TELEPHONED ME AT 210115Z. HE SAID THAT HE HAD FAILED TO GET ANY REPLY FROM THE ARGENTINES TODAY. HE HAD ACCORDINGLY TOLD ROS TONIGHT THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT HE COULD NOT CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS. ROS HAD SIMPLY REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET A RESPONSE FROM BUENOS AIRES AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S POSITION.
2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAS ALREADY INFORMED LING QING OF THIS ORALLY AND IN WRITING. THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER TO LING QING IS IN MIFT (NOT TO ALL).
3. LONG QING IS LIKELY TO CALL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL TOMORROW MORNING (21 MAY) AT WHICH PEREZ DE CUELLAR WILL CONFIRM THAT HE HAS THROWN HIS HAND IN AND GIVE AN ORAL REPORT ON HIS EFFORTS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT. THE RUSSIANS, POLES, AND DE PINIES (SPAIN) WILL PROBABLY BE INCLINED TO PRESS FOR A FORMAL MEETING, SO THAT THE COUNCIL "CAN TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION" BUT THEY MAY NOT WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT. THE DO-GOODERS WILL BE TORN BETWEEN A DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING (UNSPECIFIED) TO AVERT ARMED CONFLICT AND A RELUCTANCE TO PRECIPITATE A VIOLENT ARGUMENT IN THE COUNCIL LEADING TO A BRITISH VETO. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE CONFLICTING EMOTIONS WILL RESULT IN THERE BEING NO FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TOMORROW, UNLESS THERE HAVE MEANWHILE BEEN MAJOR MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. THE SEYCHELLES

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