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TELEGRAM NUMBER 130 OF 24 MAY
AND TO IMMEDIATEUKMIS NEW YORK AND TO PRIORITY WASHINGTON

OUR TELNO 178 : FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS ABOUT VENEZUELAN EFFORTS TO GET LATIN AMERICAN ACTION AGAINST BRITAIN. WE NOW HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT VENEZUELAN HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR SUPPORT AMONG LATIN AMERICAN STATES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMBASSADORS FROM LONDON AS A FIRST STEP. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THEY AND OTHERS PRIMARILY INVOLVED WOULD CONSIDER MINIMUM NUMBER OF STATES NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS GESTURE EFFECTIVE.
2. THE EFFORTS ARE BEING COORDINATED IN NEW YORK. HTERE WAS A MEETING IN CARACAS YESTERDAY OF ALL PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REPORTS OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES WERE NOT ENCOURAGING AND COMMITTEE THEMSELVES WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A LINE. EFFECTIVELY VENEZUELAN POLICY STILL SEEMS TO BE IN DISARRY OVER WHAT TO DO AGAINST US AND HOW. OUTCOME OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IS LIKELY TO BE CRUCIAL FACTOR, THE LESS SATISFACTORY FOR ARGENTINA THE MORE THERE WILL BE PRESSRE FOR VENEZUELAN ACTION. BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY YET COME TO NOTHING.

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