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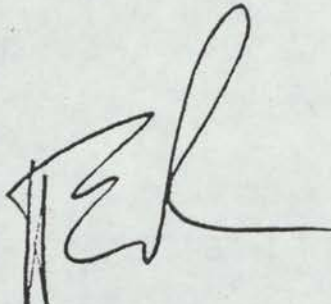
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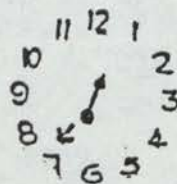
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TO PRIORITY FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 372 OF 24 MAY 1982.

  
25 MAY 1982



YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 281; CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. ACTION TAKEN THIS EVENING AND I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER LISTENED CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THESE EARLY COMMENTS ON HIS REMARKS TO ME YESTERDAY EVENING. HE REPEATED SOME OF THE POINTS IN MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 360 WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:  
HE SAW HIS FUNCTIONS AT THE RIO TREATY COMMITTEE MEETING ESSENTIALLY AS THAT OF A LISTENER. WHILE HE DID NOT WISH TO MEDIATE, ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE WOULD BE HELPFUL. TIME WAS FAST RUNNING OUT FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A CEASEFIRE. THERE WAS ONLY ONE LAST CHANCE. IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY COULD BE CONVEYED EITHER THROUGH THE AMERICANS OR THROUGH ME HERE. HE WAS VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE. THE UNITED STATES HAD ENOUGH INFLUENCE WITH BOTH SIDES TO SECURE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.



2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY SURPRISED  
AT CONDOLE THE ARGENTINE INVASION OF 2 APRIL. (THIS I FEAR IS  
ONLY PARTIALLY TRUE). ON THE OTHER HAND HE FELT THAT WE HAD  
OVER-REACTED. IT WAS TRAGIC THAT TWO COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE  
FREE WORLD SHOULD BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

3. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMARK THAT I HAD NOTICED HIS RATHER  
STRONG STATEMENT TO THE PRESS LAST NIGHT CONDEMNING OUR INVASION  
OF THE ISLANDS. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT ALL THAT STRONG  
BUT THAT I MUST UNDERSTAND THAT URUGUAYSS POLICY HAD TO TAKE  
INTO ACCOUNT FAST MOVING EVENTS.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN TALKING ON THE  
TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON TO THE ARGENTINIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO  
HAD ASSURED HIM OF ARGENTINAS DESIRE FOR A CEASE FIRE.

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