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YOUR TELNO 290: FALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE QUAL I TOOK
ACTION THIS AFTERNOON (25 MAY) WITH THE HEAD OF CHEYSSON'S
CABINET.

2. I SAID THAT THE IRISH DRAFT WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UK AND MILITARILY IMPRACTICABLE. THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF A TRUCE LEAVING THE ARGENTINES IN POSITION OR OF A PARRALLEL WITHDRAWAL. WE WOULD VETO THE IRISH AND PANAMANIAN DRAFTS IF NECESSARY AND TRUSTED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD SUPPORT US. SCHEER SHOWED NO DISPOSITION TO DEFEND THE IDEA OF A TRUCE, THOUGH HE SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN CONSIDERING (ON THE BASIS OF WHAT UKMIS HAD TOLD THE FRENCH MISSION IN NEW YORK) HOW FAR THEY COULD GO ALONG WITH THE UK ON THE DRAFT AND HOW FAR THEY COULD NOT. HE SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD NOT YET DRAWN UP THEIR FINAL POSITION. HE MADE NO

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COMMENT OF SUBSTANCE WHEN 1 TOLD HIM THAT WE REGARDED THE IMPROVE—

MENTS TO THE IRISH DRAFT PROPOSED BY THE NON-ALIGNED AS IMPORTANT

THOUGH STILL NOT SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO US.

3. SCHEER VOLUNTEERED THAT THE FRENCH FOUND THE PANAMANIAN DRAFT

4. HE ASKED ABOUT THE JAPANESE DRAFT. I SAID THAT PARTS OF IT WERE UNACCEPTABLE. IT WAS INADEQUATE FOR EXAMPLE ON ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. SCHEER SAID THAT THE FRENCH SAW SOME POSITIVE POINTS IN IT AND ALSO IN THE IRISH DRAFT, PARTICULARLY THE REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TO THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH HIS EFFORTS. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THAT THESE SHOULD BE BUILT ON. I WARNED AGAINST THIS IDEA, POINTING OUT IN PARTICULAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF GOING BACK TO THE IDEA OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION.

5. SCHEER UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON THESE POINTS TO CHEYSSON AS SOON AS HE WAS AVAILABLE AND TO KEEP US INFORMED.

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