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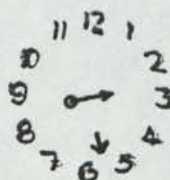
TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 128 OF 25 MAY

RFI WASHINGTON CARACAS PANAMA AND SAN JOSE

FALKLANDS: PM'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT TURBAY

26 MAY 1982



1. MESSAGE DELIVERED AT 252120Z . HE THANKED ME, SAID IT WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENT. TEXT WILL BE RELEASED TO MEDIA LATER TONIGHT.
2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION LONDONO SAID HE WOULD PASS ON OFFICIAL COLOMBIAN REACTION BUT HIS OWN PERSONAL COMMENT WAS THAT REPLY WAS MOST USEFUL AND POSITIVE. HE WENT ON TO CONFIRM THAT ANDEAN PACT MEETING (MY TELNO 124) HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. THE NEW PROBLEM WAS THE FORTHCOMING OAS MEETING (WASHINGTON TELNO 1877 TO FCO). COLOMBIA HAD BEEN WORKING HARD YESTERDAY AND TODAY PRESSING FOR A MODERATE LINE. VENEZUELA , AND PANAMA AND NICARAGUA WERE PARTICULARLY VEHEMENT BUT THERE WERE OTHERS OF SIMILAR TENDENCIES. HE COULD NOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY THE NEED FOR ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND ASKED THAT WE SHOULD LOBBY HARD WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE OUTCOME IS IN DOUBT AS ARGENTINA IS CLOSE TO REACHING THE NECESSARY TWO THIRDS MAJORITY.
3. HE QUESTIONED ME ON THE RIVER PLATE ESTUARY (MY TELNO 127) I TOLD HIM I AWAITED YOUR REPLY.

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