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FALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

1. I WENT OVER THE GROUND WITH EAGLEBURGER THIS MORNING. HE ASSURED ME THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO MRS KIRKPATRICK THAT IF THE IRISH RESOLUTION CAME TO A VOTE IN ITS PRESENT FORM THE UNITED STATES SHOULD VETO IT. SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT THE US POSITION IS TO ENCOURAGE EFFORTS FOR A SETTLEMENT, BUT TO DO SO WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM'S RIGHT TO PURSUE MILITARY ACTION IN SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER. RESOLUTION 502 AFFORDS THE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT: THE US SHOULD OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO SUPERSEDE IT AND COULD ONLY ACCEPT AN OUTCOME WHICH WAS NOT PREJUDICIAL TO 502.

2. I EXPLAINED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED HAD PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE IRISH DRAFT WHICH CONSTITUTED SOME IMPROVEMENT BUT DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. I GAVE EAGLEBURGER A GENERAL INDICATION OF THE POINTS OF DIFFICULTY FOR US, MAKING UNEQUIVOCALLY

CATION OF THE POINTS OF DIFFICULTY FOR US, MAKING UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT REFERENCES TO MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL. I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT WE COULD NOT ENDORSE A RESUMPTION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EFFORTS ON THE BASIS OF HIS PREVIOUS PROPOSALS. NOR DID WE WANT A RESOLUTION WHICH OPENED UP THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EARLY RETURN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT IN SOME RESPECTS THE WORSE THE RESOLUTION THE BETTER. IT WOULD THEN BE EASY FOR THE US TO VETO. THE WORST CASE WOULD BE A RESOLUTION FALLING JUST SHORT OF WHAT WE COULD ACCEPT. THE AMERICANS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR CONTINUING TO PRESENT THE MILITARY ACTIONS WE WERE TAKING AS BEING UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER (I ASSURED HIM THAT WE ALWAYS HAD DONE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO). EAGLEBURGER MADE CLEAR THAT THE FINAL AMERICAN DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE WOULD DEPEND ON THE PRECISE TERMS OF THE TEXT. HE NEEDED NO PERSUADING THAT MRS KIRKPATRICK WAS COMPLETELY UNSOUND AND THAT IMMEDIATE CONSULTATION MUST TAKE PLACE WITH HAIG HERE AS SOON AS WE KNEW THE FINAL SHAPE OF THE RESOLUTION. HE ASKED ME TO REMAIN IN THE CLOSEST TOUCH WITH HIM AS THE CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK PROCEEDED.

4. WE DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT OTHER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BUT I EXPLAINED THE PANAMANIAN DRAFT WAS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. I ALSO TOOK EAGLEBURGER THROUGH THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 840 TO YOU). EAGLEBURGER UNDERSTOOD THAT MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL AND THE TERMS FOR AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US, BUT LEFT ME IN NO DOUBT THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE BRAZILIANS BOTH IN ORDER TO HELP PRESERVE THEIR POSITION IN LATIN AMERICA AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FORTHCOMING OAS MEETING.

5. ON THE LATTER POINT, EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT THE AMERICANS HAD DONE THEIR UTMOST TO HOLD OFF A MEETING OF THE OAS BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO SUCCEED. THE US AMBASSADOR HAD WEIGHED IN WITH THE BRAZILIANS WHO HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE TRYING TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE IN THE OAS. EAGLEBURGER AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BAD AND PREJUDICIAL TO THEIR FUTURE ROLE IF THE BRAZILIANS TABLED A RESOLUTION IN THE UN ON THE LINES OF THE DRAFT LETTER.

6. EAGLEBURGER ADDED THAT THE FRENCH ARE VERY SHAKY ABOUT THEIR VOTING INTENTIONS, A POINT CONFIRMED TO ME BY HAIG (SEE MIFT).

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