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TELEGRAM NUMBER 843 OF 24 MAY

AND TO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS (FOR S OF S'S PARTY).
INFO FLASH WASHINGTON.

MIPT: TALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL: RESOLUTIONS.

1. I HAVE SPOKEN TO MRS KIRKPATRICK WHO WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING A TELEGRAM TO WASHINGTON SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS. I TOLD HER THAT THE IRISH TEXT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND WE WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST IT. THE CONCEPTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 WERE BOTH UNACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE AND UNWORKABLE IN PRACTICE.
2. I ALSO TOLD HER THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST THE PANAMANIAN DRAFT IF IT CAME TO A VOTE. AGAIN IT CALLED FOR A CEASEFIRE ETC WITH ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE OF IMMEDIATE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL.
3. MRS KIRKPATRICK HAD NOT HEARD OF THE PANAMANIAN DRAFT AND SCARCELY SEEMED AWARE OF THE JAPANESE DRAFT EXCEPT (RIGHTLY) TO SAY THAT IT MEANT NOTHING AT ALL.

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4. SHE THEN SAID THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR 'INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE' HAD TOLD US THAT SHE HAD OMITTED OR CHANGED CERTAIN SENTENCES IN THE STATEMENT WHICH SHE HAD DELIVERED ON 22 MAY AFTER RECEIVING A FINAL TEXT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. SHE COULD ASSURE ME THAT NO STATEMENT SHE HAD MADE IN THE UN SO FAR HAD GIVEN HER SUCH DIFFICULTY, AND THAT EVERY SINGLE LAST WORD THAT SHE SPOKE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY CLEARED WITH HAIG. 'SO YOU CAN TELL YOUR INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE THAT THEY GOT IT WRONG'.

5. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SHE DID NOT LIKE THE ACCUSATIONS OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS WHICH WERE COMING FROM BRITISH SOURCES. HER STATEMENT HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY CLEAR IN REGARD TO WHO HAD BEEN IN THE WRONG, BUT THE US HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH LATIN AMERICA. THEY WERE AFTER ALL PART OF THE SAME HEMISPHERE.

6. MRS KIRKPATRICK HAD CLEARLY ANTICIPATED WHAT OUR ATTITUDE WOULD BE TO THE IRISH DRAFT AND WAS DEMONSTRABLY UNHAPPY. IF IT COMES TO THE VOTE AS IT STANDS, WE SHOULD PULL OUT EVERY STOP IN WASHINGTON TO ENSURE THAT THE AMERICANS STAY WITH US. BY THE SAME TOKEN (SEE MY IPT) I BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER THE AMERICANS DO WILL GREATLY INFLUENCE THE FRENCH. MRS KIRKPATRICK AND DE NANTEUIL WERE CLOSETED TOGETHER FOR A LONG TALK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

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