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YOR TELNO 443: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MEXICAN PRESIDENT
1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO THIS MORNING. WE WERE ALONE. I UNDERLINED OUR RESENTMENT AT ACCUSATIONS OF COLONIALISM AND DREW ATTENTION TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WE HAD PUT TO THE ARGENTINES BUT WHICH THEY HAD REJECTED.
2. THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS WARM THANKS TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE DEPLORED THE LOSS OF LIFE AND WASTE OF RESOURCES INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT. HE DID NOT DOUBT OUR CAPACITY TO RECOVER THE ISLANDS AND INDICATED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT BE TOO LONG ABOUT IT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF THE RIO TREATY MEETING; MEXICO HAD ENGAGEMENTS WHICH IT HAD TO RESPECT. HIS OWN OFFER TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR A FACE TO FACE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND GENERAL GALTIERI STILL STOOD BUT HE EARLY UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO WORK AT PRESENT

STILL STOOD , BUT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO LOOK AT PRESENT THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. HE FOUND THE WHOL SIT- UATION DEEPLY DEPRESSING AND DANGEROUS.

3. I ALSO SAW THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY. HE SAID HE FOUND OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT INTELLIGENT, CONSTRUCTIVE AND EXTREMELY REASONABLE; AND HA HAD WARMLY COMMENDED IT TO THE PRESIDENT AND ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IF THE ARGENTINES HAD HAD ANY SENSE THEY WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED IT. THE PROBLEM WAS THAT FOR THEM THE ISLANDS REPRESENTED A MAJOR INTERNAL ISSUE, AND ANYWAY MILITARY GOVERNMENTS COULD SELDOM RETREAT.

4. THE PRESIDENT SEEMED MORE SAD AND WORRIED THAN ANYTHING ELSE. AS ALWAYS HE WAS WARM AND SYMPATHETIC. I DID NOT PRESS HIM ON DETAILS AS I DOUBT IF HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THEM. HE SAW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEXICAN OAS REPRESENTATIVE LAST NIGHT BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT COMMENT ON THEM.

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