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YOUR TELNO 463 (NOT TO ALL): FALKLANDS; SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. I IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OTUNNU THAT I WAS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE DRAFT IRISH/NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION AS IT HAD EMERGED (IE THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 848). HE CONSULTED THE ARGENTINES AND INFORMED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE POSITION HE HAD REACHED. DORR RAISED NO DIFFICULTIES. NOR DID THE RUSSIANS OVER THE TEXT, THOUGH THEY WERE SLIGHTLY RELUCTANT ABOUT VOTING TONIGHT, SOMETHING WHICH ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE KEEN TO DO. HOWEVER IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO FIND COSTA MENDEZ WHO HAD BEEN MEETING MRS KIRKPATRICK PRIVATELY AND HAD THEN GONE TO GROUND. ALL HIS AIDS SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT ARGENTINA COULD ACCEPT THE DRAFT BUT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY COSTA MENDEZ PERSONALLY. WHEN HE WAS EVENTUALLY FOUND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED TIME TO STUDY THE DRAFT. THE PRESIDENT THEREFORE DECIDED TO POSTPONE A VOTE UNTIL TOMORROW (26 MAY). BY THAT TIME EVERYONE, INCLUDING PANAMA AND THE RUSSIANS, WANTED TO GET ON WITH IT AND THE ONUS FOR DELAY LAY SQUARELY WITH ARGENTINA.

2. I THINK THAT THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT THE REVISED DRAFT WILL BE ADOPTED TOMORROW. THERE IS A GENERAL DESIRE TO END THIS PHASE IN THE COUNCIL AND RELIEF THAT OTUNNU HAS APPARENTLY DISCOVERED A WAY OF DOING SO WITHOUT A VETO. BUT THE AGREEMENT IS FRAGILE AND THERE IS AN OBVIOUS RISK THAT COSTA MENDEZ WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS OVERNIGHT FROM THE GENERALS TO TRY FOR MORE.

3. THE FINAL DRAFT AS CIRCULATED BY OTUNNU CONTAINS "NEGOTIATING" IN PLACE OF "ENSURING" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 848. THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO ME A CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE AND I HAVE NOT THEREFORE QUESTIONED IT, LEST OTHERS RE-OPEN OTHER PARTS OF THE PRESENT TEXT.

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