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MY TELNO 856: FALKLANDS

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS QUICK INTO HIS STRIDE FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF SCR 505. HE SAW ME AT 19830Z AND LISTRE (ARGENTINA) ( IN ROS'S TEMPORARY ABSENCE) AT 2130Z.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR ASKED TO SEE ME PRIVATELY BEFORE THE FULL MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION BUT WAS VERY SORRY THAT I HAD HAD TO PUT IT SO FULLY IN MY EXPLANATION OF VOTE THIS MORNING (MY TELNO 858)M THIS HAD MADE HIS JOB IMMENSURABLY MORE DIFFICULT. WAS IT REALLY THE CASE THAT WE COULD NO LONGER CONTEMPLATE ANY PARALLEL BRITISH WITHDRAWAL? I CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT SPEAKING PERSONALLY HE THOUGHT IT USEFUL THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION MIGHT DEFUSE THE RIO TREATY MEETING. BUT, AFTER THE FIRS ROUND WITH OURSELVES AND THE ARGENTINES HE DID NOT THINK THAT HE WOULD HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR A CEASEFIRE WERE UNOBTAINABLE. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT HE MIGHT BE REPORTING FAILURE IN 24 OR 48 HOURS' TIME. I URGED HIM NEVERTHELESS TO TRY TO FIND SOME CHANGE IN THE ARGENTINE POSITION.

3. AT THE FULL MEETING, PEREZ DE CUELLAR ASKED ME FORMALLY TO PUT A SINGLE QUESTION TO YOU:

"WHAT IS HM GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR A CEASE FIRE?" HE WOULD BE PUTTING THE SAME QUESTION TO LISTRE AND WOULD LIKE A REPLY FROM EACH OF US IN 24 HOURS, IE IN OUR CASE BY 272000Z. I SAID THAT I WOULD CONVEY HIS QUESTION TO YOU AND ASK YOU FOR THE FULLEST REPLY YOU COULD PROVIDE. MEANWHILE, I COULD ONLY REPEAT WHAT I HAD SAID IN MY EXPLANATION OF VOTE WHICH I HAD DELIVERED ON INSTRUCTIONS PREPARED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN LONDON. OUR POSITION WAS VERY FIRMY BUT I COULD ASSURE



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4. SEE MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM

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