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FALKLANDS: JOINT PROPOSALS: MY TELNO 206 (NOT TO ALL).

1. THE PRESIDENT WAS JUST TELEPHONED. HE BEGAN BY ASKING ME WHETHER I HAD ANY NEWS FROM LONDON. I GAVE HIM A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE POINTS MADE IN YOUR TELNO 109 TO BOGOTA AND EMPHASISED THE INSISTENCE ON THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 502. THE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN YESTERDAY TO PRESIDENT TURBAY AND THAT THEY HAD ELABORATED A FORMULA WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD MEET THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 502. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASISED THAT THE DETAILS HE WAS ABOUT TO GIVE ME WERE CONFIDENTIAL (IN THAT THEY WERE NOT TO BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS) AND THAT TURBAY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE DETAILED PROPOSALS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO YOU BY THE COLUMBIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON.

2. THE FORMULA PROVIDES FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A FIRST CONTINGENT OF ARGENTINE FORCES WHICH WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY AN EQUIVALENT CONTINGENT OF BRITISH FORCES. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT PERU WAS PREPARED TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO BRING SUCH AN AGREEMENT INTO OPERATION. HE THOUGHT THAT PERUVIAN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT COULD BE DESPATCHED TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA WHENCE THEY COULD TAKE PART IN THE EVACUATION OF ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE FALKLANDS. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT PERU WOULD ALSO BE DESPOSED, OF COURSE, TO TRANSPORT THE BRITISH CONTINGENT TO PUNTA ARENAS. (THE PRESIDENT REMINDED ME THAT THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES WERE MAINTAINING A NEUTRAL POSTURE IN THE DISPUTE). THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD AT LEAST AVOID THE PROSPECT OF A BITTER AND BLOODY BATTLE WHICH WOULD LEAVE ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS UNRESOLVED AND WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ANY CASE IN PROLONGUED AND LENGTHY NEGOTIATION ABOUT THE MAIN ISSUES. IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE WASTE OF UP TO 2,000 LIVES IN SUCH A MANNER.

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4. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT PERU WAS READY AND WILLING TO TAKE ANY PART ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A PROMPT AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND THAT TO THIS END HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE TO BE READY TO SEND HERCULES TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA TO TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED EVACUATION. PRESIDENT TURBAY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD BE COMMUNICATING WITH HM REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND WARNED ME TO EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU, POSSIBLE EVEN TODAY.

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