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- MR BULLARD
- SIR I SINCLAIR
- MR GINFARD
- MR YPIGOT
- MR ADAMS
- LORD R G LEROY
- LORD BRIDGES
- MR URE
- MR GILROSE
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- MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS
- EMERGENCY ROOM
- RESIDENT CLERK

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- MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD
- PS/CANCELLOR)
- MR ILENT) TREASURY
- MR LITTLE)
- SIR R ARMSTRONG)
- SIR K PALLISER) CABINET
- MR WADE-GERY) OFFICE
- MR FULLER SAPU/DIO)
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UKNIS NEW YORK TELNO 8571 FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER INVITED ME TO CALL LAST NIGHT FOR ANOTHER LONG AND FRANK TALK. HE AGAIN REMINDED ME THAT THE AVERAGE SPANIARD UNCRITICALLY ACCEPTED THE ARGENTINE CASE FOR HISTORICAL REASONS AND BECAUSE OF GIBRALTAR. THIS PRESENTED AN IMMENSE POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, NOW GRAVELY WEAKENED BY THE RESULT OF THE ANDALUSIAN ELECTIONS (MY TELNO 303). ON THE OTHER HAND, EDUCATED OPINION WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE LINKS WITH DEMOCRATIC BRITAIN, SHORTLY TO BE AN ALLY AND PARTNER. THIS SCHOOL OF THOUGHT, TO WHICH HE HIMSELF BELONGED, SHARED THE ARGENTINE VIEW ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS BUT DEPLORED THE ARGENTINE INVASION. HE

WOULD NOT CONCEAL FROM ME THAT THERE WERE NEGATIVE PRESSURES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND WITHIN HIS OWN MINISTRY, WHICH HE WAS TRYING TO RESIST. (I BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE. IT IS ALSO THE OPINION OF MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUE AND MY BEST INFORMED COLLEAGUES FROM COMMUNITY COUNTRIES.)

2. PEREZ-LLORCA SAID WE WOULD HAVE NOTED THAT MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM ON MAY 22 ABOUT ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL (MY TELNO 295) HAD NOT BEEN WITHOUT EFFECT. THE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN FIRMLY INSTRUCTED (SEE UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 821) NOT TO GO FURTHER THAN THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION. SUBSEQUENTLY HE HAD GONE ALONG WITH SCR 505 IN SPITE OF ITS TRIPLE REFERENCES TO RESOLUTION 502 ON WHICH SPAIN HAD ABSTAINED. DE PIERES IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 855) HAD SAID THE MINIMUM IN EXPRESSING THE SPANISH VIEW THAT THE DRAFT DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH.

3. *Paragraph deleted and retained under Section 3(4). O'Wayland, 19 April 2012*

4. PEREZ-LLORCA THEN RATHER TENTATIVELY MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE HAD DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT ASSIST IN AN INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, IF THIS COULD EVENTUALLY BE SET-UP. UN OBSERVERS TO MONITER COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CEASE-FIRE WERE MENTIONED IN SCR 505. HE WANTED ME TO KNOW, ON A PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT REMAINED WILLING TO HELP IN ANY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER, THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT WISH TO PUSH THEMSELVES FORWARD PUBLICLY. WITH DISARMING FRANKNESS, PEREZ-LLORCA ADDED THAT THIS WOULD ACCORD WITH THE SPANISH NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PRIDE AND SELF-IMPORTANCE. THE GOVERNMENT WERE UNDER PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING. (TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS SUGGESTING THAT SPAIN SHOULD SUPPLY FORCES TO HELP GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE FALKLANDS). I WAS NATURALLY NON COMMITTAL ON THIS POINT, THOUGH I PROMISED TO REPORT PEREZ-LLORCA'S SUGGESTION. I DID INDICATE THAT SPAIN, ALTHOUGH AN IMMINENT MEMBER OF NATO, COULD HARDLY BE REGARDED IN BRITISH EYES EVEN AS NEUTRAL, IN VIEW OF HER DECLARED SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY AND SO-CALLED 'DECCOLONISATION'. (IF THIS IDEA DOES NOT COMMEND ITSELF TO YOU, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU JUST LET IT LAPSE RATHER THAN SEND A DIRECT

5. FINALLY, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER MY STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THE GROSS BIAS OF SPANISH TELEVISION. THIS COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISE PUBLIC ORDER AND BRITISH TOURISM. THE MINISTER SAID THAT ROBLES PIQUER, ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY HIS SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WAS NOT ENTIRELY EASY TO CONTROL. HE WAS WORKING FOR HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW FRAGA'S POPULAR ALLIANCE PARTY AND, IN ANY CASE FOUND HIS OWN OUTFIT ALMOST UNCONTROLLABLE. NEVERTHELESS HE WOULD PERSONALLY TAKE UP WITH ROBLES PIQUER THE POINT I HAD RAISED ABOUT TELEVISION, WITH WHICH HE AGREED.

6. SEE GIFTS.

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