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TELEGRAM NUMBER 885 DATED 28 MAY 82

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

MY I.P.T.: FALKLANDS

1. PEREZ DE CUELLAR NOW HAS NO HOPE OF PRODUCING RESULTS. HOWEVER, HE SENT ME A VERY PRIVATE AND INDIRECT MESSAGE (TO WHICH HE DID NOT REFER AT THE PLENARY SESSION) BEFORE LUNCH TO SAY THAT HE WOULD NOT REQUIRE US TO RESPOND BEFORE MONDAY MORNING (31 MAY).

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR WILL LET ME KNOW OVER THE WEEKEND IF HE HEARS ANY MORE FROM THE ARGENTINE SIDE. HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR 'TERMS' AS SET OUT IN MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM WE ARE HEADING FOR THE END OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S MISSION ON 31 MAY. NOTHING IS ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE HERE, BUT THIS IS LIKELY TO BRING US BACK INTO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN EVERYONE REASSEMBLES AFTER THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ON 1 JUNE.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I CANNOT SEE THAT THERE IS ANY MORE I CAN DO TO SPIN THINGS OUT FURTHER. AFTER THE TORRENT OF RHETORIC OF THE PAST WEEK, THE COUNCIL DEBATE MAY BE SHORT AND WE MAY WELL FACE A VOTE ON AN UNACCEPTABLE DRAFT RESOLUTION BY 2 OR 3 JUNE. ONLY LATIN AMERICAN LOVE OF SPEECH-MAKING COULD PROLONG MATTERS FOR ANOTHER DAY OR SO.

PARSONS