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UKMIS TELNO 944: FALKLANDS, SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSAL.

1. STOESSEL TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD PICKED UP A REPORT FROM QUOTE SPECIAL SOURCES UNQUOTE ABOUT A NEW PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR A CEASE-FIRE. HE READ VERBATIM FROM WHAT WAS EVIDENTLY THE SAME TEXT AS THAT REPORTED IN UKMIS TELNO 945. HE ASKED WHETHER I KNEW ABOUT THIS AND HOW WE WERE GOING TO REACT.
2. I THOUGHT IT BEST AT THIS STAGE TO AVOID REVEALING ANYTHING TO STOESSEL ON EITHER POINT, AND ASKED WHAT HIS OWN REACTION WAS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS WERE QUOTE SORT OF INTERESTING UNQUOTE. I SAID THAT I FELT SURE WE WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO BRING ABOUT A SERIOUS CEASE-FIRE BUT, AS STOESSEL KNEW, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE LINKED IN A FOOLPROOF WAY TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR WITHDRAWAL. STOESSEL SAID THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS SEEMED LIKE A STEP IN THAT DIRECTION THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DIFFICULT FOR THE ARGENTINES TO ACCEPT.
3. THERE IS A DANGER THAT IF WE GIVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANY THING MORE TO GO ON AT THIS STAGE, ENDERS MAY SUCCEED IN GENERATING UNWELCOME PRESSURE ON US OVER THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS. I DO NOT INTEND THEREFORE TO SAY ANYTHING MORE TO STOESSEL UNTIL SIR A PARSONS HAS ACTED ON UKDEL VERSAILLES TELNO 002 TO UKMIS NEW YORK.

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