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HAVANA TELNO 173 (NOT TO WASHINGTON): FALKLANDS: NAM COMMUNIQUE

1. AMIN DOHA, MINISTER FOR INFORMATION OF BANGLADESH, FORMERLY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, AND AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE FROM TEHRAN DAYS, LUNCHEDED WITH ME ON 7 JUNE. HE HAS JUST ARRIVED IN NEW YORK, HAVING REPRESENTED BANGLADESH AT THE HAVANA MEETING.
2. DOHA SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE NAM MEETING HAD GOT INTO A HOPELESS MUDDLE ABOUT WESTERN SAHARA, THE CHAIRMANSHIP AND IRAN/IRAQ, THE LATIN AMERICANS HAD TAKEN THE WHOLE PLACE OVER IN A BIG WAY ON THE FALKLANDS, WITH CASTRO ACTING AS IMPRESARIO FOR COSTA MENDEZ.
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4. PERU HAD BEEN STIMULATED BY THESE EXCESSES TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE MEETING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING 'SOCIALIST FRANCE' FOR REFUSING TO SUPPLY PERU WITH MORE EXOCET MISSILES ON THE DISHONOURABLE GROUNDS THAT PERU MIGHT PASS THEM TO ARGENTINA. EVEN CASTRO BAULKED AT THIS ONE THE PERUVIANS HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH CIRCULATING THEIR TEXT TO ALL DELEGATIONS.

5. DOHA SAID THAT ONLY JAMAICA HAD MADE A FEEBLE EFFORT TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE, BUT HAD BEEN QUICKLY VAPORISED. GUYANA HAD CONCENTRATED ON THE PASSAGE ON THE GUYANA/VENEZUELA DISPUTE AND HAD DONE PRETTY WELL, PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF NOT HAVING AROUSED LATIN PASSION BY OPPOSING THEM OVER THE FALKLANDS.

6. THERE HAD BEEN WILD LATIN AMERICAN JUBILATION WHEN THE NEWS CAME THROUGH THAT MRS KIRKPATRICK HAD ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN AFTER VOTING ALONG WITH US.

7. DOHA HAD CLEARLY BEEN AWED BY THIS DREADFUL PERFORMANCE, AND SPOKE ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD NOW SHOW MAGNANIMITY BY STOPPING SHORT OF STANLEY. EVERYONE KNEW THAT WE HAD WON THE WAR. I GAVE HIM A SHORT HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, ADDING THAT HIS DESCRIPTION OF HAVANA CONFIRMED OUR DISILLUSIONMENT AND CONVICTION THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ARGENTINA BEING READY TO CLIMB DOWN; ALSO THAT THE NAM EXHIBITION WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE US TO INVOLVE THE UN IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATION ON THE FALKLANDS. I ALSO TOLD HIM, WHICH HIS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED, THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN CONDUCTED, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, WITH MUCH MORE MODERATION AND DECORUM; EVEN THE FINAL SESSION DURING WHICH WE HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO CAST A VETO.