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FALKLANDS: PRESS

1. I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT 2230Z ON 14 JUNE. WE HAVE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT MY INITIATIVE: AND THAT I WISHED TO INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE STATEMENT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE SHORTLY BEFOREHAND IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ABOUT THE TALKS BETWEEN GENERAL MENENDEZ AND BRIGADIER WATERS. WE HAVE SAID THAT, AS WE HAVE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS, IT SEEMED THE PROPER STEP TO INFORM HIM AT ONCE OF THESE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. WE HAVE SAID NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE SPECULATION ABOUT A FUTURE ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. OUR LINE HAS BEEN SIMPLY THAT A UN ROLE HAS NEVER BEEN EXCLUDED: BUT THAT IT IS TOO SOON FOR DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE TO BE TAKEN.

3. I HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS, BUT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING THEM UNTIL I HAVE HEARD THE FURTHER STATEMENT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER IS TO MAKE IN THE HOUSE.

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