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YOUR TELNO 194: FALKLANDS CEASFIRE

1. I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 152200Z.
2. BAENA SOARES SAID THAT THE MESSAGE WHICH WE HAD PASSED TO THE SWISS GOVERNMENT (YOUR TELNO 119 TO BERNE), THE TEXT OF WHICH WE HAD EARLIER GIVEN TO THE MINISTRY AT DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL, HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT ON TO THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT, IN KEEPING WITH THEIR DUTIES AS PROTECTING POWER, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO DO ANY MORE THAN THAT. HE WAS, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ARGUMENTS IN PARA 2 OF TUR THOUGH, IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT GALTIERI'S DECISION TO ADDRESS THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE IN THE PLAZA DE MAYO THIS EVENING, HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY WOULD RESPOND AS WE HOPED.
3. IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION NOW EVIDENTLY OBTAINING IN PORT STANLEY AND THE NEED TO ACT VERY QUICKLY IN THE EVENT THAT THE ARGENTINES BLOCK DIRECT REPATRIATION, I SOUNDED OUT BAENA IN VERY GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE PORTS NAMED IN YOUR TELNO 193, AND MAKING IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT I WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT. BAENA QUICKLY SAW THAT BRAZIL MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE AND INSTRUCTED THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAS DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, TO START CONTINGENCY CONSULTATIONS WITH THIS IN VIEW. THIS ENCOURAGED ME TO MENTION ALSO THE POSSIBILITY (YOUR TELNO 367 TO MONTEVIDEO) THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN URGENT REQUIREMENT TO SEND NON-MILITARY SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY TENTS, BY AIR TO THE ISLANDS.
4. FUTHER REPLIES TO YOUR TELNOS 193 AND 367 TO MOTEVIDEO WILL FOLLOW.

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