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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1003 OF 15 JUNE.

FALKLANDS: NOTIFICATIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE ARGENTINE MISSION HAS ADDRESSED NO LESS THAN ELEVEN LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (TEXTS BY FACSIMILE TO THE EMERGENCY UNIT). MOST OF THEM REPEAT COMMUNIQES BY THE ARGENTINE GENERAL STAFF AND CALL FOR NO REPLY. HOWEVER, SOME OF THEM CONTAIN ACCUSATIONS OF ATTACKS UPON THE ARGENTINE HOSPITAL SHIP BAHIA PARAISO, THE USE OF HMS HYDRA FOR TASKS OTHER THAN THOSE OF A HOSPITAL SHIP AND ATTACKS UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. I HAVE CONSIDERED WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD REPLY TO THESE ACCUSATIONS.
2. I HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED WHETHER I SHOULD NOTIFY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE ARGENTINE SURRENDER, HAVING REGARD TO OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER. WE DID THIS FOR SOUTH GEORGIA (S/15002 OF 26 APRIL).
3. AT PRESENT, OUR PRIME OBJECTIVE MUST BE TO AVOID ANY REVIVAL OF ACTIVITY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHETHER AT THE BEHEST OF ARGENTINA (THROUGH PANAMA) OR OF THE DO-GOODERS. I HAVE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD DO NOTHING VIS-A-VIS THE COUNCIL, AT LEAST UNTIL WE KNOW THE ARGENTINE REPLY TO THE PROPOSALS IN YOUR TEL NO 119 TO BERNE. I WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES AGAIN THEREAFTER.

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