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1. PRESIDENT ZIA, WHO HAS JUST GOT BACK FROM SAUDI ARABIA, TOOK ME ASIDE AT THE OPENING OF THE PARILAMENTARY SESSION TODAY AND SPOKE IN THE WARMEST TERMS OF OUR VICTORY IN THE FALKLANDS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED, THAT WE HAD HANDLED THE WHOLE AFFAIR MAGNIFICENTLY AND THAT WE HAD CHARACTERISTICALLY STOOD UP FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT DESPITE THE COST TO US. WOULD I CONVEY HIS WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE WOULD TRY TO SEND HER A MESSAGE OR TO TELEPHONE.

2. I SAID THAT I KNEW FROM HINTS I HAD RECEIVED THAT HIS HEART AND SYMPATHY HAD ALWAYS BEEN WITH US EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SAY VERY MUCH IN PUBLIC. THIS PROVOKED HIM TO REPLY THAT THEY HAD COME UNDER THE GREATEST PRESSURE FROM PEOPLE 'WHO CLAIM TO HAVE HELPED US 20 YEARS AGO' (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHO THEY WERE) TO SUPPORT ARGENTINA, IT HAD NOT BEEN EASY TO RESIST THIS PRESSURE. HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER.

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3. THE PRESIDENT WAS FOLLOWED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, CHIEFS OF STAFF AND A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO SPOKE IN SIMILAR TERMS. THERE IS NO DOUBTING WHERE THE PRIVATE SYMPATHIES OF LEADING PAKISTANIS LIE OR THEIR GENUINE PLEASURE AND RELIEF AT OUR SUCCESS.

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