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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF PRIVATE OFFICE WAS RECEIVED FROM UKMIS GENEVA TELEGRAM NUMBER 387 OF 7 JULY INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK, MONTEVIDEO, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, BRASILIA, BERNE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: RETURN OF PRISONERS OF WAR

1. THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL TOLD ME THIS MORNING (JULY 7) THAT HE HAD BEEN TELEPHONED AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT BY THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SAY THAT THE ARGENTINES HAVE DECIDED TO RELEASE FLT LT GLOVER THROUGH THE ICRC AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN MONTEVIDEO THIS AFTERNOON. THE ARGENTINES MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WERE NOT ATTACHING ANY CONDITIONS.
2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER PERSONALLY (THEY DID NOT OVERLAP IN CARACAS). HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHY HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED. HOWEVER HE THOUGHT THE ARGENTINE GESTURE SIGNIFICANT. WHILE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, IT WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE HAD THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE. THE ARGENTINES ARE OF COURSE AWARE OF HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON.
3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR ALSO MENTIONED THAT MY ARGENTINE OPPOSITE NUMBER HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM YESTERDAY ABOUT THE LACK OF PRECISE DETAILS ABOUT THE ARGENTINE PRISONERS STILL IN OUR HANDS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR STRESSED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ASKED TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY. I EXPLAINED THE POSITION TO HIM.

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