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*I have asked the F/C.O. for
an early report on the action
they are taking.*

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FM UK MISSION NEW YORK 082205Z JULY '82
TO ROUTINE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1102 OF 8 JULY 1982
INFO BAGHDAD, BELMOPAN, GEORGETOWN, PORT OF SPAIN, KINGSTON, CASTRIES
AND BRIDGETOWN.
INFO SAVING WASHINGTON.

SIR A PARSONS TELNO. 1082 (NOT TO ALL) : FALKLANDS : NAM SUMMIT.

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE FROM A FRIENDLY NON-ALIGNED DELEGATION THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE POLITICAL DECLARATION TO BE ISSUED BY THE NAM SUMMIT (COPIES BY BAG TO UND, RESEARCH DEPT AND BAGHDAD). THE ONLY REFERENCE TO THE FALKLANDS IS PARAGRAPH 183 WHICH READS: "THE CONFERENCE REITERATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC'S RIGHT TO THE RESTORATION OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS AND CALLED ON THE UK TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA ON THE ISSUE".
2. THE IRAQIS HAVE DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THEIR PRELIMINARY DRAFT TO NAM MEMBER STATES IN CAPITALS, INVITING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCORPORATED IN A REVISED DRAFT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN BAGHDAD AT THE VERY END OF AUGUST. THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT IS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY IN REGIONAL GROUPS OF THE NON-ALIGNED HERE IN NEW YORK. WHERE A REGIONAL GROUP CAN AGREE ON REVISED WORDING, THAT WORDING IS LIKELY TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE LATE AUGUST DRAFT. WHERE A REGIONAL GROUP CANNOT AGREE, REVISED WORDING WILL BE PUT IN SQUARE BRACKETS IN THE NEXT DRAFT, WITH A DECISION BEING REFERRED TO THE SENIOR OFFICIALS. IF THEY CANNOT AGREE, THE QUESTION WILL GO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND IF THEY CANNOT AGREE, TO THE SUMMIT ITSELF.
3. PARAGRAPH 183 AS DRAFTED IS DOUBLY UNHELPFUL IN THAT IT BOTH ASSERTS ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY AND CALLS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. BUT IT IS THE LEAST THE IRAQIS COULD HAVE DONE. IT REPEATS ALMOST VERBATIM THE FORMULAE IN THE TWO NAM COMMUNIQUE OF 1981 (DELHI, FEBRUARY; NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER), THOUGH IT IS marginally worse in that it substitutes the active for the passive mood previously used ("...REQUESTED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UK...BE SPEEDED UP"). BUT IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE ARGENTINES AND THEIR FRIENDS WILL TRY TO CHANGE THE IRAQI TEXT IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH LAST MONTH'S HAVANA FINAL DECLARATION. THIS WOULD GIVE OUR FRIENDS, IF THEY WERE PREPARED TO MAKE THE EFFORT, AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS FOR CHANGES IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS GETTING THE NAM TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION IT TOOK AT LIMA IN 1975 TO SET ASIDE THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF DETERMINATION "IN THE SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR CASE OF THE MALVINAS

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ISLANDS''. IT WOULD OF COURSE GREATLY STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDS HANDS IF, AS RECOMMENDED IN GOULDING'S LETTER F025/1 OF 16 JUNE TO WILLIAMS, UND, THE COMMONWEALTH COULD MEANWHILE BE GOT TO PRODUCE A HELPFUL STATEMENT ON SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. I ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND THAT VERY EARLY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE COMMONWEALTH IDEA AND THAT WE SHOULD LOBBY (IN CAPITALS) OUR FRIENDS IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP OF THE NAM (VIZ BELIZE, GUYANA, JAMAICA, ST. LUCIA, TRINIDAD). OUR LINE WITH THEM SHOULD BE THAT FOLLOWING ARGENTINA'S INVASION OF THE ISLANDS IN DEFIANCE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IT MANIFEST AND CALLOUS DISREGARD OF THE "INTERESTS" OF THE INHABITANTS, THE NAM MUST SURELY RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AND NOT PREJUDGE THE DISPUTE IN ARGENTINA'S FAVOUR. WOULD IT NOT BE BETETER FOR THE NAM TO RE-AFFIRM ITS TRADITIONAL ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF DETERMINATION, NON-USE OF FORCE ETC, PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE REHEARSED AT LENGTH IN THE EARLIER PARTS OF THE IRAQI DRAFT? I RECOMMEND THAT THESE REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT A HIGH LEVEL, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF A MESSAGE FROM YOURSELF: ON PAST FORM OUR FRIENDS WILL ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE STEAM-ROLLED BY THE LATINOS UNLESS WE STRENGTHEN THEIR WILL TO RESIST. I DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD LOBBY MORE WIDELY AT THIS STAGE: THE IMMEDIATE ACTION WILL BE IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HERE AND WE NEED TO CONSERVE SOME AMMUNTION FOR THE LIKELY CRUNCH AT THE SUMMIT ITSELF.

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[REPETITION TO CASTRIES REFERRED FOR DEPARTMENTAL DECISION, REPEATED AS REQUESTED TO OTHER POSTS]

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