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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 1318: FALKLAND ISLANDS: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. I AGREE THAT OUR TWIN OBJECTIVES AT THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE TO RESIST ALL CALLS ON US TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND TO MUSTER MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS POSITION. WE MUST MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT.
2. WE MUST CERTAINLY TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO PUT OVER OUR POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PERSUADE AS MANY MEMBER STATES AS POSSIBLE TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING THE ARGENTINE/MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. I DO NOT PROPOSE TO ASK OUR FRIENDS TO SEEK CHANGES IN THE PRESENT DRAFT. INDEED, WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS OF THE TEXT WITH ITS SPONSORS. EVEN WITH THE CHANGES ENVISAGED BY ENDERS, THAT IS TO SAY WITH THE REFERENCES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS AND NON-ALIGNED DOCTRINE AND ANY SUGGESTION OF A TIMETABLE REMOVED, THE QUOTE NON-PREJUDICIAL UNQUOTE CALL ON US TO NEGOTIATE WOULD STILL BE UNACCEPTABLE. SUCH A REVISION COULD INDEED LEAD TO OUR VIRTUAL ISOLATION. PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION ON THE PRESENT LINES WOULD DO LITTLE DAMAGE TO OUR POSITION IF WE HAD SECURED A LARGE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS. I HOPE WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE NUMBER OF VOTES IN FAVOUR IS LESS THAN HALF AND PREFERABLY MUCH LESS THAN HALF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.
3. I AM STILL CONSIDERING GENSCHER'S SUGGESTION (MY TELNO 396 TO BONN) THAT WE SHOULD PREPARE A COUNTERDRAFT. THERE ARE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES. ANY SUCH DRAFT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO SATISFY OUR PARTNERS (OR OTHER FRIENDS) AS IT STOOD AND WE WOULD RISK BEING DRAGGED INTO A NEGOTIATION ON TEXTS THAT WE DO NOT WANT. BUT I DO NOT WANT TO SEEM TO DISREGARD GERMAN VIEWS LIGHTLY. I SHOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS.
4. I AM SENDING MR SHULTZ A MESSAGE. WE SHALL ALSO TAKE ACTION IN OLD COMMONWEALTH CAPITALS AND WITH THE TEN AND NATO ALLIES. WE SHALL ALSO CERTAINLY BE LOBBYING THE NON-ALIGNED VIGOROUSLY. I HAVE NO INHIBITIONS ABOUT DRAWING FREELY ON OUR CREDIT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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