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TELEGRAM NUMBER 2996 OF 9 SEPTEMBER
INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK.

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FALKLANDS: GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1. WE SPOKE URGENTLY TO SHAW SMITH (STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN CONE AFFAIRS), EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SECTION ON THE FALKLANDS CONTAINED IN THE BRIEFING PAPER SENT TO US MISSIONS ABROAD. WE EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD ARISE IF THE AMERICANS WERE TO EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT A UN RESOLUTION CALLING UPON HMG TO NEGOTIATE WHILE WE SIMULTANEOUSLY INSISTED THAT WE WOULD OPPOSE ANY SUCH RESOLUTION. WE UNDERSTOOD US CONCERN ABOUT THEIR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA BUT THEIR GUIDANCE PAPER WAS LIKELY TO HAVE THE EFFECT OF ENCOURAGING THE LATINS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR UN INITIATIVE ON TERMS UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

2. SHAW SMITH CLAIMED THAT THE GUIDANCE MATERIAL WAS PRIMARILY TO BE USED ONLY ON AN 'IF ASKED' BASIS. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN ASKED, THE AMERICANS HAD TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR INTERLOCUTORS WHAT THEIR POSITION WAS. WE URGED THAT US MISSIONS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO USE THE SECTION ON THE FALKLANDS.

3. WE HAVE SPOKEN ALSO TO BLACKWILL (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPE). HE HAS TOLD US (PLEASE PROTECT) THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING ARGUMENT BETWEEN EAGLEBURGER AND ENDERS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE EUROPEAN BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT DO NOT THEMSELVES BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO OPPOSE A RESOLUTION SIMPLY CALLING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NO TIME LIMIT FOR THEIR COMPLETION (AND NOT PRE-JUDGING THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY). ENDERS, HOWEVER, WISHES TO GO FURTHER THAN THIS AND TRY TO CONCOCT WITH THE LATINIS A RESOLUTION WHICH THE AMERICANS COULD SUPPORT. THE EUROPEAN BUREAU DO NOT SEEM TO BE HAVING MUCH SUCCESS IN RESTRAINING HIM. THOMAS WILL RAISE THIS WITH EAGLEBURGER WHEN HE SEES HIM ON 11 SEPTEMBER.

4. THE ARGENTINIANS, MEANWHILE, HAVE HANDED OVER AN AIDE MEMOIRE HERE SEEKING US SUPPORT FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD:-

A) URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM TO START NEGOTIATIONS AIMED TOWARDS REACHING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AT THE EARLIEST DATE TO THE DISPUTE CONCERNING SOVEREIGNTY, KEEPING IN MIND THE RELEVANT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS.

B) REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ON THE BASIS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED, INITIATE A RENEWED MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST THE PARTIES.

5. THE AMERICANS WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH A RESOLUTION AS IT STOOD, GIVEN THE REFERENCES TO UNGA RESOLUTIONS. THE LATINO LOBBY HERE WILL NO DOUBT BE TRYING TO GET THESE REFERENCES DELETED.

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