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FOR RESIDENT CLERK.

SALUTE TO THE TASK FORCE

1. I WAS SUMMONED TO THE MFA TODAY BY THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, JOSE CABRERA, WHO ASKED THAT I SHOULD CONVEY TO MY GOVERNMENT THE DEEP CONCERN AND REGRET OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT A FALKLANDS VICTORY PARADE IS TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON 12 OCTOBER, A DATE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR 500 MILLION SPANISH LATIN AMERICANS. THE MINISTER EMPHASISED THAT A CELEBRATION OF THIS NATURE ON THAT PARTICULAR DATE COULD ONLY DEEPEN EXISTING WOUNDS.
2. I ASSURED THE MINISTER THAT THE CHOICE OF DATE WAS ENTIRELY A COINCIDENCE, AND IN NO WAY WAS IT OUR INTENTION TO OFFEND THE SUSCEPTIBILITIES OF THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA AND SPAIN. I THEN DREW UPON THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF GUIDANCE 180.

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3. A COPY OF THE NOTE HANDED TO ME BY THE MINISTER EXPLAINING MORE
FULLY THE CONCERN OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE SENT BY BAG
ON 13 OCTOBER.

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