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TO PRIORITY SUVA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 202 OF 11 OCTOBER.

AND TO PRIORITY CANBERRA, WELLINGTON

INFO ROUTINE NEW DELHI, PORT MORESBY, DHAKA, KUALA LUMPUR,

SINGAPORE

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INFO SAVING NUKU'ALOFA, COLOMBO, UKMIS NEW YORK POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF FALKLANDS DURING CHOGRM

- 1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR RESPONSES TO FCO TELNO 131 TO SUVA.
- 2. IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THESE COMMENTS, AND OF FURTHER ADVICE FROM RAMPHAL, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO RATU MARA SETTING OUT OUR POLICY AND ENCOURAGING HIM TO PASS A COPY TO OTHERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR VIEWS. RAMPHAL HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUGGEST TO RATU MARA THAT TH PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER BE CONSIDERED DURING THE WEEKEND RETREAT.
- 3. FOR SUVA ONLY. MIFT (NOT TO ALL) CONTAINS TEXT OF PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO RATU MARA. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ITS EARLY DELIVERY. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT RAMPHAL IS AWARE OF THE MESSAGE (THOUGH HE HAS NOT SEEN THE TEXT), AND WOULD BE GLAD TO ADVISE RATU MARA ON HOW IT MIGHT BE HANDLED. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT YOU YOURSELF WOULD BE GLAD TO EXPLAIN FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR FALKLANDS POLICY TO RATU MARA IF HE WOULD FIND THIS HELPFUL. (PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION YOURSELF).
- 4. FOR CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON ONLY. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT, AT WHATEVER LEVEL YOU THINK BEST, WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO, ADDING THAT OUR ACTION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADVICE WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM RAMPHAL. PLEASE PASS TO THEM, IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, A COPY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO RATU MARA AND SAY THAT WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THEIR DELEGATION COULD TAKE WHATEVER STEPS AT SUVA ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT OUR VIEWS ARE CLEARLY PROPOUNDED AND ADEQUATELY DEFENDED THERE.

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