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PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

'THE RETURN TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER THE GENERAL CONVICTION AMONG THE POLITICAL SECTORS THAT DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE MOST SUITABLE MEANS OF BRINGING TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION THE PROBLEM OF THE FALKLANDS, ARE HELPING TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF OUR UNDENIABLE RIGHTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD.

CERTAIN RECENT EVENTS IN THIS RESPECT ARE SHOWING A MORE POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS, ACCOMPANIED BY A GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM RETURNING TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AVOIDING EMOTIONAL REA TIONS WHICH SERVE NO PURPOSE.

ONE OF THESE RECENT EVENTS COULD BE THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, OF THE LABOUR PARTY AS WELL AS SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND LIBERALS, OF VISITING ARGENTINA IN ORDER TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEM. WITH THIS IN MIND, ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AMBASSADORS RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE CONVENIENT, SINCE OUR CAUSE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF THEY WERE TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH LEGAL STAND-

SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE CONVENIENT, SINCE OUR CAUSE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF THEY WERE TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH LEGAL STAND-POINTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS WHICH SUPPORT OUR RIGHTS, AND GIVE A SOUND BASIS TO ARGENTINA'S POSITION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS PROPOSAL BY THE UNOFFICIAL BRITISH LEGISLATORS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE VERY DIFFERENT POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR COUNTRY, EXPRESSED ALSO BY SECTORS OF BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION AND EVEN BY THE BRITISH PRESS. SUCH A VISIT SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE IMAGE OF RELATIONS THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS HELD CONCERNING THE PROBLEM.

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