

FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL

PS
 PS/LADY YOUNG
 PS/MR RENTON
 PS/MR RIFKIND
 PS/PUS
 MR DEREK THOMAS
 MR J FREELAND
 SIR W HARDING
 MR GOODALL
 MR O'NEILL
 MR C TICKELL
 MR D C THOMAS
 MR WESTON
 MR B RENTON
 ED/PUSD
 ED/SAMD
 ED/FID
 ED/NEWS DEPT
 ED/EDD
 ED/EGD (E)
 ED/END

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST
 PS/S OF S FOR DEFENCE
 MR ~~PS~~ NICHOLLS, AUSD STAFF, MOD
 NH

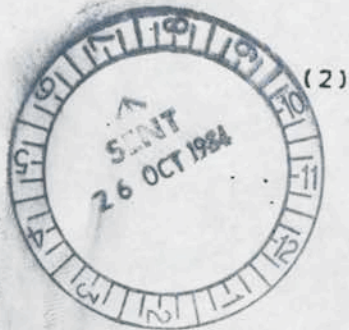
PS/CHANCELLOR)
 MISS M E CUND) TREASURY
 MR LITTLER)

SIR R ARMSTRONG)
 MR ~~S COOBALL~~) CABINET
 DIO *(a. H. H. H.)*) OFFICE

MR POWER, SAD, ODA

MR A FORTNAM IAT/D. TRANSPORT

RESIDENT CLERK



PP THE HAGUE
 PP LUXEMBOURG
 PP PARIS
 PP ROME
 GPS 650

ADVANCE COPY



CONFIDENTIAL

FM URMIS NEW YORK 260107Z OCT 84
 TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TEL NO 1221 OF 25 OCTOBER 1984

INFO PRIORITY ATHENS BONN BRUSSELS UKREP BRUSSELS
 COPENHAGEN DUBLIN THE HAGUE LUXEMBOURG PARIS ROME
 WASHINGTON

MY TELNO 1215 (NOT TO ALL) : FALKLANDS AT THE UN.

SUMMARY

1. THE ARGENTINE DRAFT HAS BEEN TABLED WITH ONE SMALL AMENDMENT (TEXT IN MIFT). BRAZIL ON BEHALF OF THE LATIN AMERICANS HAS SUGGESTED HAVING SHORTENED DEBATE.

DETAIL

2. THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR APPROACHED ME AT LUNCHTIME TODAY. HE EXPLAINED THAT AT A MEETING THIS MORNING (25 OCTOBER) OF THE "REAL" LATIN AMERICANS, HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF HIS GROUP TO ME. HE SAID THAT THE SAME 20 LATIN AMERICANS AS LAST YEAR HAD AGREED TO COSPONSOR THE ARGENTINE DRAFT, WHICH WAS TABLED TODAY. IT IS IDENTICAL TO THAT IN MY TELNO 1174 EXCEPT THAT THE PHRASE "AND THEIR REMAINING DIFFERENCES" HAS BEEN ADDED AFTER "SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DRAFT, BUT THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE ARGENTINES HAVE BEEN REPRESENTING IT AS A SOFTENING OF THE TEXT AS

"SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DRAFT, BUT THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE ARGENTINES HAVE BEEN REPRESENTING IT AS A SOFTENING OF THE TEXT AS A CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO THE UK.

3. MACIEL, AGAIN STRESSING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP, SAID THAT THE MEETING HAD REACHED NO FIRM CONCLUSION ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE DEBATE ON 31 OCTOBER. HOWEVER, THE STRONG TENDENCY WAS TO WISH TO KEEP IT SHORT AND IN A LOW KEY. THE SUGGESTION WAS THAT THE MEXICAN SHOULD INTRODUCE THE RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY BRAZIL EXPLICITLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL THE "REAL" LATIN AMERICANS. THE LATIN AMERICANS WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO RESTRICT THEMSELVES IN THIS WAY IF WE COULD GIVE A SIMILAR ASSURANCE THAT OUR SUPPORTERS WOULD NOT COME FORWARD "IN THEIR LEGIONS". WHAT DID I THINK OF THIS?

4. IN REPLY I BEGAN BY ASKING 2 OR 3 QUESTIONS WHICH HE ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS. FOREIGN MINISTER CAPUTO WOULD COME TO NEW YORK AND WOULD "OF COURSE" SPEAK. HE ASSUMED THE ORDER OF SPEAKERS WOULD BE ARGENTINE, MEXICO, BRAZIL. THE LATIN AMERICANS WOULD LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY DID NOT SEEK OTHER SPEAKERS BUT OF COURSE THEY COULD NOT PREVENT THEM. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WOULD SPEAK TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WITH A VIEW TO DISCOURAGING THEM FROM SPEAKING. THEY HAD NO PARTICULAR REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD WISH TO SPEAK. NEITHER OF US MENTIONED THE SOVIET BLOC.

5. I SAID THAT SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND IN A PRELIMINARY WAY I FELT POSITIVELY INCLINED TOWARDS HIS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, I WOULD REQUIRE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND I WOULD GET BACK TO HIM AFTER RECEIVING THEM. I SAID THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT HE WAS ASKING US TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT ANY COMMONWEALTH OR COMMUNITY SPEAKERS IN OUR FAVOUR DID NOT OUTNUMBER THE LATIN AMERICANS SPEAKING IN FAVOUR OF ARGENTINE. HE CONFIRMED THIS.

6. SPEAKING IN THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE AND NOT FOR REPETITION, MACIEL SAID HE HAD TRIED OUT ON THE ARGENTINES THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SO THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 READ "TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO FIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)". THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE HAD BEEN THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT. THERE HAD BEEN A CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT THEIR ATTITUDE MIGHT CHANGE IN THE FUTURE. MACIEL SAID THAT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION THE ARGENTINES HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTEMPLATE MOVEMENT ON BOTH THE BEAGLE CHANNEL AND THE FALKLANDS SIMULTANEOUSLY. ALFONSO WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH. HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT NEXT YEAR THE ARGENTINES WOULD BE READY TO MAKE A MOVE ON THE FALKLANDS. I ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT. HE SAID THIS MEANT A RESUMPTION OF THE BERNE TALKS AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE SORT HE HAD JUST DESCRIBED. (IN A PURELY INFORMAL AND PERSONAL CONVERSATION YESTERDAY MACIEL HAD TOLD ME OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 BUT AT THAT TIME HAD ADDED THAT HE HAD ALSO SUGGESTED THE INSERTION SOMEWHERE IN THE RESOLUTION OF A REFERENCE TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE ARGENTINES HAD DEMURRED. TODAY HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO SELF-DETERMINATION).

7. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE TO THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL BUT

THE ARGENTINES HAD DEMURRED. TODAY HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO SELF-
DETERMINATION).

7. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE TO THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS BUT
I HAVE ONE HESITATION WHICH RELATES TO TACTICS IF OUR COMMUNITY
PARTNERS ARE NOT SOLID IN ABSTAINING. I WILL TELEGRAPH FURTHER ON
THIS AS NECESSARY.

THOMSON

NNNN