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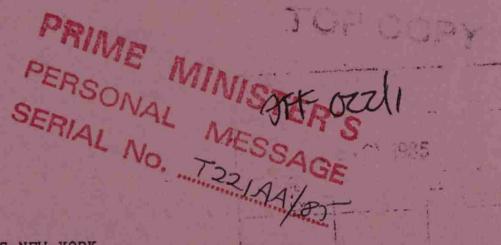
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FALKLANDS AT UNGA: MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL

- 1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL.
- 2. I AM LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO OUR MEETING ON
 27 NOVEMBER. THIS IS LIKELY TO COINCIDE WITH VOTING ON THE
 FALKLANDS RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA. I HOPE THAT WHEN YOU COME TO
 TAKE YOUR DECISION ON VOTING YOU WILL, LIKE US, CONCLUDE THAT THE
 ARGENTINE DRAFT NOW CIRCULATING, THOUGH DIFFERENT IN FORM,
 REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. THE
 ARGENTINE CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS CLEARLY MEANS NEGOTIATIONS
 INCLUDING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS. THIS IS SOMETHING ON
 WHICH, FOR REASONS THAT YOU KNOW WELL, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO
 NEGOTIATE. ARGENTINE INSISTENCE ON THIS POINT REMAINS THE
 STUMBLING BLOCK TO NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS WHICH WE AND THE
 REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WANT AND FOR WHICH WE HAVE
 BEEN WORKING.
- 4. FOR US THE KEY ISSUE IS THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND WE WILL BE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION RECOGNISING THAT RIGHT. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR AMENDMENT ON THIS VITAL PRINCIPLE. IF IT IS CARRIED, WE SHALL NOT OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION. BUT IF NOT, WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO VOTE AGAINST. IN EITHER CASE, I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN.

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