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TO IMMEDIATE BANJUL

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AND TO IMMEDIATE BELMOPAN. COLOMBO. DACCA. DAR ES
SALAAM. GABORONE. HONIARA. KAMPALA. KINGSTON.
LUSAKA. MASERU. MEABANE. NAIROBI. NASSAU. NUKU'ALOFA. PORT LOUIS.
PORT MORESBY. SINGAPORE. SALISBURY. SUVA. TARAWA. VICTORIA. VILA.
CASTRIES (ST LUCIA). KINGSTOWN (ST VINCENT). ST JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)
REPEATED FOR INFO TO: ROUTINE GEORGETOWN. CANBERRA.
WELLINGTON. OTTAWA. BRIDGETOWN. LAGOS. LILONGWE.
FREETOWN. ACCRA. KUALA LUMPUR. NEW DELHI. NICOSIA.
PORT OF SPAIN. VALLETTA

SAVING TO (FOR INFO) ST GEORGES (GRENADA)

FCO TELNO 99 TO CANBERRA: COMMONWEALTH AND FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE STRONG, SPEEDY AND HEARTENING RESPONSE OF OUR COMMONWEALTH PARTNERS TO HER MESSAGE IN TUR. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (PARAGRAPH 4 LISTS THE EXCEPTIONS) HAVE NOW MADE CLEAR THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. THIS HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL.
2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL THE PRIME MINISTER'S WARM PERSONAL THANKS FOR RESPONSE TO HER MESSAGE AND/OR HER GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF WHATEVER ACTION HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IT IS AT DIFFICULT TIMES LIKE THESE THAT THE FRIENDSHIP THAT SUSTAINS THE COMMONWEALTH IS PARTICULARLY VISIBLE AND THE SUPPORT ACCORDED BY COMMONWEALTH FRIENDS MOST WELCOME. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION OF THIS SUPPORT I PARLIAMENT.
5. YOU SHOULD IN YOUR APPROACH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PARTICULAR REACTION /RESPONSE OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT(S) MAKING SPECIFIC

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REFERENCE (WHERE APPROPRIATE) TO ANY MESSAGE OR STATEMENT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ISSUED. WHERE REACTIONS/STATEMENTS OF HOST GOVERNMENT(S) HAVE BEEN LESS THAN ADEQUATE POSTS SHOULD MODIFY MESSAGES APPROPRIATELY AND NEED NOT DELIVER AT HIGH LEVEL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MESSAGE BE DELIVERED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND THUS IN ADVANCE OF ANY OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES WHICH COULD FOLLOW ANY BREAKDOWN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES: INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED PERSONAL MESSAGES HAVE ALREADY GONE OR ARE IN HAND IN RESPECT OF PRESIDENTS BANDA, STEVENS, SHAGARI, BURNHAM AND PRIME MINISTER ADAMS AND MESSRS FRASER, MULDOON AND TRUDEAU. NO REPEAT NO MESSAGE NEED BE SENT TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS (VIZ CYPRUS, GHANA, MALTA, NAURU AND WESTERN SAMOA) WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE (THE LAST TWO OF WHICH MAY NOT YET HAVE RECEIVED IT), NOR TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF GRENADA, INDIA, MALAYSIA AND TRINIDAD WHOSE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTING.

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