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BUENOS AIRES 22/11/79  
TO PRIORITY FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 148 OF 29 MAY 1979  
INFO POST STANLEY AND COLOMBO

ANGLO-ARGENTINE RELATIONS : FALKLANDS

1. THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, CAVANDOLI, TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE ARGENTINE CHARGE IN LONDON TO SEEK A MEETING FOR HIM WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE BETWEEN 11 AND 14 JUNE WHEN CAVANDOLI EXPECTS TO BE STOPPING OVER IN LONDON ON RETURN FROM THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN SRI LANKA. AS BLANCO MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOU, I MADE NO COMMENT.

2. CAVANDOLI HAS A REPUTATION FOR INTELLECTUAL ABILITY BUT, AS HE HIMSELF ADMITS, STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT POLITICS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IF HE IS TO SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS IN BRITAIN, YOU MAY PERHAPS WISH TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE HIM ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARAMETERS OF THE FALKLANDS PROBLEM. AT THE MEETING IN SRI LANKA, HIS TASK WILL HAVE BEEN TO INCLUDE MENTION OF THE FALKLANDS IN SOME APPROPRIATE ANTI-COLONIAL RESOLUTION WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CAN BE EXPECTED TO ADOPT WHEN IT LATER TAKES PLACE IN HAVANA. (LAST YEAR THE THEN ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER SECURED SUCH A REFERENCE AT THE BELGRADE MEETING).

3. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR ANTARCTIC INTERESTS AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS A CONVENTION ON MARINE RESOURCES, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SUGGESTING THAT CAVANDOLI SPEND A DAY VISITING THE SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY AT CAMBRIDGE.

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