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FALKLAND ISLANDS: FCO SITREP: 0700 HOURS, 25 MAY

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(a) Security Council

1. The debate continued. Speakers were mainly from Africa. The Kenyan intervention was praised by Sir A Parsons. The Council will meet again at 1430Z today.

(b) Resolutions

2. A rash of draft resolutions has emerged. Ireland has formally tabled its text which is unacceptable. Panama has proposed draft language equally unacceptable, whilst the Brazilians have circulated a letter to the President of the Security Council which builds upon their President's 'initiative'.

3. However, two drafts have surfaced which the Ambassador considers may offer possibilities of avoiding a veto. The Japanese have produced a resolution to be tabled in the event of the Irish Resolution being vetoed and the NAM delegations (excluding Panama) led by Uganda have produced an amended version of the Irish draft. The Ambassador requires instructions on these before the informal meeting of the Council at 1400Z today.

EC Measures

4. Using the Luxembourg formula, Ministers of the Ten agreed to extend the import ban for an unspecified period.

US Attitudes

5. On instructions, Sir N Henderson talked at length to Mr Haig. The latter remained concerned at the serious deterioration in US relations with Latin America and the opportunities this would present to the Russians. However, in a later conversation, Haig appeared to be in 'an easier frame of mind'. He will be sending a personal message to the Secretary of State.

Military Action

6. The MOD confirmed the loss of HMS Antelope, which had been damaged in an air attack on 23 May. On 24 May there were a number of air attacks against the Task Force. Some damage may have been sustained by our ships. Seven Argentine aircraft were shot down and one seriously damaged.

OAS

7. Foreign Ministers of the Rio Treaty signatories will meet in Washington on Thursday 27 May.

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