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YOUR TELNOS 57 AND 58 (NOW REPEATED TO WASHINGTON):
ARGENTINE COMMENT ON FALKLAND TALKS

1. THE MFA STATEMENT AND THE FURTHER COMMENT ON IT IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE HERE.
2. THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS THAT IT HAS MADE MR LUCE'S TASK IN PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON MUCH MORE DIFFICULT: IN THE LONGER TERM IT MAKES IT MUCH LESS LIKELY THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL FOR A FUTURE NEGOTIATING MECHANISM.
3. WE SHALL BE CONSIDERING FURTHER STEPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WHEN WE KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THE COUNCILLORS' MEETING TODAY. WE NEED HOWEVER TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE ARGENTINES THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH ALL THIS WILL CAUSE. PLEASE DELIVER TO ROS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY THE MESSAGE IN MIFT. WE WILL BE SPEAKING SIMILARLY TO THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY.
4. FOR PORT STANLEY. PLEASE INFORM BLAKE AND CHEEK OF THE TEXT OF MR LUCE'S MESSAGE.

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