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- (T) YOUR TELNO 671: FALKLAND ISLANDS (T) (T)
1. YOU WILL SINCE HAVE SEEN BUENOS AIRES TELNOS 57 AND 58 TO FCO AND FCO TELNOS 52 AND 53 IN RESPONSE.
 2. IN THE LIGHT OF MR LUCE'S DISCUSSION WITH ENDERS ON 1 MARCH, MR LUCE HOPES THAT YOU CAN BRIEF ENDERS BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR ARGENTINA ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ARGENTINES ON 1 MARCH AND ON THE TERMS OF OUR REACTION. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE WE HAVE EVERY WISH TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE, IT IS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO NEGOTIATE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF THREATS. THE ARGENTINE ACTION NOT ONLY CONTRAVENES THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW YORK TALKS: IT MAKES THE WHOLE TASK OF FINDING A SOLUTION MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. WE APPRECIATE THAT ENDERS WILL NOT NECESSARILY WISH TO APPEAR TO BE IN SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH VIEW OF THE DISPUTE IN HIS TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES. BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD REINFORCE WITH THE ARGENTINES THE CLEAR RISKS OF PUSHING THIS ISSUE INTO A CONFRONTATION. HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE ARGENTINE PRESS CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD TURN A BLIND EYE TO A USE OF FORCE BY ARGENTINA.
 3. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CONTACT ENDERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, PLEASE INFORM BUENOS AIRES, WHO SHOULD THEN BRIEF THE US EMBASSY INSTEAD.

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