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FOR CAPTAIN BARKER

n/a YOUR R 031400Z MAR 82: FALKLAND TALKS.

1. NEW YORK TALKS DID NOT END IN DEADLOCK, BUT A BLAND COMMUNIQUE. COUNCILLORS RETURNED WITH AN AGREED WORKING PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HERE AND MINISTERS IN UK FOR FURTHER TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE.
2. IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS FROM ARGENTINE MFA AND PRESS ABOUT WHAT WAS AGREED AT NEW YORK HAVE NOW MADE PROGRESS MORE DIFFICULT AND COUNCILLORS HAVE ASKED FOR A FORTNIGHT'S GRACE TO CONSIDER ARGENTINE PROPOSALS. MY GUESS IS THAT THEY WILL REJECT THEM, IN WHICH CASE WE SHALL HAVE REACHED DEADLOCK: BUT THAT TIME IS NOT YET.

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