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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SEEN THE OVERNIGHT TELEGRAMS, [REDACTED]. HE AGREES THAT THERE COULD BE ADVANTAGE IN PUBLICISING OUR OFFER TO SEND AN EMISSARY TO BUENOS AIRES TO DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY THAT WE ARE SEEKING A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER THIS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE VIEWS OF HMA BUENOS AIRES ON THE LIKELY EFFECT ON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASSUMES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO GO PUBLIC ON OUR OFFER BEFORE WE HAVE HAD ANY RESPONSE FROM THE ARGENTINIES (I.E. AT LEAST BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT WITH COSTA MENDEZ AT 011315Z.)

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE STRONGLY AGREES WITH SIR A PARSONS (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 347) THAT WE SHOULD LOOK VERY FOOLISH IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO NO GOOD PURPOSE UNLESS WE COULD PRODUCE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCING EVIDENCE IN PUBLIC OF A GENUINE AND IMMEDIATE INVASION THREAT.

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