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TELNO 026 OF 12/4/82

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FALKLANDS

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ACEVEDO UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN

MINISTRY (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN) THIS MORNING HE SAID

THAT DESPITE STRONG PRESSURES PARAGUAY WOULD NOT TAKE SIDES

AND THIS CLEARLY REFLECTS VIEWS OF PRESIDENT STROESSNER WHO

FOR SOME TIME AND FOR PURELY NATIONAL REASONS HAS MADE PLAIN

HIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH ARGENTINA.

2. ACEVEDO SAID THAT PARAGUAY WOULD PRESS FOR FURTHER POSTPONEMENT

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OF OAS MEETING TO ALLOW HAIG'S EFFORTS MORE TIME. ASKED WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF ARGENTINA OBTAINED A MAJORITY VOTE FOR ACTION UNDER RIO
TREATY ACEVEDO SAID THAT SUCH A MAJORITY WOULD NOT BE EASILY
FORTHCOMING THAT IN ANY CASE A MAJORITY DECISION WOULD NOT BE
MANDATORY ON OTHER COUNTRIES AND WOULD NOT IN ANY CASE CHANGE
PARAGUAY'S POSITION.

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