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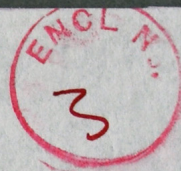
AND TO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, ROUTINE WASHINGTON

FALKLAND ISLANDS ; CANADA ; INFORMATION POLICY

1. MY IMPRESSION AT THE MOMENT IS THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN CANADA
FULLY SUPPORTS US AND UNIVERSALLY CONDEMMS ARGENTINE ACTION.

BUT MANY CANADIANS UNDOUBTEDLY BELIEVE THAT NOW THAT THE ARGENTINES
HAVE GONE IN WE SHALL ONLY MAKE A TOKEN DEMONSTRATION AND THAT
WE DO NOT REALLY MEAN BUSINESS.

2. IT MAY THEREFORE BE NECESSARY TO EMPHASISE THAT IF THE
ARGENTINES DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLANDS THEY WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED FORCIBLY.



SEMI COLON AND TO STRESS CONTINUALLY OUR RIGHT OF SELF - DEFENSE UNDER THE UN CHARTER, THE FIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE FACT THAT AN OUTRAGEOUS ACTION LIKE THIS CANNOT BE SHRUGGED OFF.

3. THE GLOBE AND MAIL CARRIED PROMINENTLY ON FRIDAY A HELPFUL ARTICLE ON ARGENTINA REPORTING THAT 15000 - 30,000 PEOPLE DETAINED BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD QUOTE DISAPPEARED UNQUOTE AND THAT SOME OF THEIR MOTHERS HAD HAD THE COURAGE TO DEMONSTRATE ABOUT THIS. WE ARE POINTING OUT THAT THIS SORT OF THING WOULD HARDLY ENCOURAGE A FALKLAND ISLANDER TO WANT TO JOIN ARGENTINA. MORE MATERIAL OF THIS SORT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE CAN HAVE IT QUICKLY.

4. I MUST URGE THAT OUR INFORMATION MACHINE SHOULD OPERATE MUCH FASTER THAN AT PRESENT. IT SEEMS TO ME GROTESQUE THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE WERE NOT TOLD THAT COI LONDON PRESS SERVICE WAS OPERATING OVER THE WEEKEND.

THUS, I AM STILL WITHOUT THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE ALTHOUGH I ASKED YOU FOR IT BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM NUMBER 171 YESTERDAY. THE MORE RADIO ITEMS WE CAN HAVE THE BETTER.

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