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TO IMMEDIATE KUWAIT

TELEGRAM NUMBER 62 OF 5 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE DACCA, ACCRA, YAOUNDE, NICOSIA,  
GEORGETOWN, NEW DELHI, JAKARTA, BAGHDAD, KINGSTON,  
AMMAN, MASERU, MANILA, SINGAPORE, MOGADISHU,  
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT

1. THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS MEETING FROM 5 TO 8 APRIL IN KUWAIT. THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE. BUT ARGENTINA IS A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND THOUGH NOT (NOT) A MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU, MAY TRY TO PROMOTE A RESOLUTION OR STATEMENT FAVOURABLE TO HERSELF, POSSIBLY WORKING THROUGH PANAMA, HER AGENT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE COUNTRIES TO WHOSE GOVERNMENTS YOU ARE ACCREDITED ARE BUREAU MEMBERS.

2. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID THE ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT BY THE NON-ALIGNED CALLING UPON US, DESPITE ARGENTINA'S ACTION TO REFRAIN FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE TO RESTORE THE SITUATION. WE DO NOT WISH TO STIMULATE A STATEMENT OURSELVES AS THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY GO WRONG (NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICE OF CONSENSUS).

3. BUT KUWAIT SHOULD KEEP CLOSE TO THE BUREAU AND SEEK TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE FALKLANDS IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT THIS MEETING. (THE GUYANESE, UGANDANS, JORDANIANS AND ZAIREANS MAY BE USEFUL CHANNELS, AS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR OUR DRAFT). IF SO, YOU SHOULD TELEGRAPH IMMEDIATE TO ALL OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES OF THIS TELEGRAM, MEANWHILE UNDERTAKING URGENT LOBBYING ACTIVITY OF BUREAU DELEGATES AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL IN KUWAIT. OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD THEN, UNLESS THEY SEE OBJECTION, URGENTLY LOBBY IN CAPITALS.

4. THE LINE TO TAKE IS THAT WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WILL CONFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY URGING ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATORY CALL BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY TO WITHDRAW HER FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND JOIN US IN SEEKING A DIPLOMATIC

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SOLUTION TO OUR DIFFERENCES. ANY HESITATION ON THE PART OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN CONDEMNING THIS ACT OF AGGRESSION CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE MILITARILY POWERFUL COUNTRIES TO USE FORCE TO ENFORCE THEIR WILL ON SMALL NEIGHBOURS AND ANY QUALIFICATION OF THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION MIGHT ONLY GIVE COMFORT TO ARGENTINA AND REDUCE THE CHANCES OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR AS NECESSARY THAT WHILE WE ARE ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION PEACEFULLY, WE ARE ENTITLED UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE THAT THE MERITS OF THE UNDER-LYING SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE ARE AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE QUESTION FROM THAT OF THE USE OF FORCE TO RESOLVE IT.

4. MIFT (NOT TO AMMAN, GEORGETOWN OR KINSHASA, WHO ALREADY HAVE IT) CONTAINS TEXT OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

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