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MY TELNO 393: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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- IT HAS BEEN A BUSY DAY. MOST OF THE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN FAVOURABLE.
 - BRIAN URQUHART LUNCHEd WITH ME TODAY. WE WENT OVER ALL THE GROUND IN DETAIL. HE AGREED ENTIRELY WITH THE TACTICS RECOMMENDED IN MY TELNO 393 AND WITH WHAT I HAD SAID TO THE SECRETARY - GENERAL (MY TELNO 396). HE CONFIRMED THAT CORDOVEZ WOULD BE LEAVING NEW YORK ON 6 APRIL FOR PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN. HE, URQUHART, WOULD TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FALKLANDS PROBLEM AND WOULD ENSURE THAT THE SECRETARIAT DID NOTHING FOOLISH.
 - (32) KAMANDA (ZAIRE - PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL), SUMMONED ROCA (ARGENTINA) THIS AFTERNOON. HE URGED HIM TO RESPECT AND IMPLEMENT SCR 502 AND NOT TO DEFY THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL. ONLY THUS WOULD CONDITIONS BE CREATED FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ROCA REPLIED THAT ARGENTINA HAD NOT REJECTED THE RESOLUTION. THEY WERE STILL STUDYING IT. THEY WANTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. HE ASKED KAMANDA TO TELL ME FOR TRANSMISSION TO MY GOVERNMENT THAT PUBLICITY FOR THE MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FLEET WOULD DIMINISH ARGENTINE ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE.
 - A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAVE TELEPHONED ME TO EXPRESS SUPPORT AND PROFOUND REGRET FOR LORD CARRINGTON'S RESIGNATION. THESE INCLUDED THE SEYCHELLES AND OTUNNU (UGANDA), WHO WAS PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC. I HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ANTIGUA. DE PINIES (SPAIN) EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL REGRET ABOUT LORD CARRINGTON'S RESIGNATION, BUT OTHERWISE CONFINED HIMSELF TO FISHING FOR INFORMATION AS TO OUR FUTURE INTENTIONS.
 - MY AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUE (PLEASE PROTECT) TOLD ME THAT NISIBORI (JAPAN) HAD SAID AT A LUNCH PARTY TODAY THAT HE THOUGHT THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE SUMMONED EARLY NEXT WEEK TO URGE THE BRITISH NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE. THE JAPANESE COUNSELLOR IS CALLING ON MY HEAD OF CHANCERY TOMORROW (6 APRIL). IF HE MAKES NOISES SUGGESTING THAT THE JAPANESE ARE THINKING OF CALLING THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TIE OUR HANDS, THERE WILL BE A CASE FOR MAKING STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IN TOKYO.

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6. THE CUBANS, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NAM, TRIED TO CALL A MEETING OF THE NAM COORDINATING BUREAU TODAY TO HEAR THE ARGENTINE CASE - AT ARGENTINIAN REQUEST. THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE, BUT MAY DO SO ON 6 APRIL. FORTUNATELY, THE COORDINATING BUREAU CONTAINS FOUR OF THE FIVE NAM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO VOTED FOR SCR 502.

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