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53 → UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 396 (REPEATED TO ROME):

FALKLAND ISLANDS : UN ASPECTS

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT WERE FOREWARNED, PICCO OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S STAFF CALLED ON HEAD OF CHANCERY THIS AFTERNOON, STRESSING THAT HE WAS DOING SO INFORMALLY. AFTER ASKING ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, PICCO REPEATED THE GIST OF PARAS 4 AND 5 OF UKMIS TUR, BUT ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD BEEN ANNOYED THAT HIS SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK HAD LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD OFFERED TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. PICCO SAID THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR WOULD NOT DO SO UNLESS ASKED BY BOTH PARTIES, AND SO FAR THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH REQUEST.

32 → 2. HOWEVER, PICCO WAS CLEARLY WONDERING WHETHER AND WHEN THE TIME MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO INTERVENE. HE ASSURED HEAD OF CHANCERY THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD NO INTENTION OF UNDERMINING OUR CASE OR OF GOING BACK IN ANY WAY ON SCR 502. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HEAD OF CHANCERY REPLIED THAT THE ARGENTINES HAD REJECTED THE RESOLUTION, IN WHICH CASE THERE WAS LITTLE PRESENT SCOPE FOR GOOD OFFICES. PICCO CONFIRMED THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD ASKED THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ABIDE BY SCR 502, BUT HAD SIMPLY BEEN TOLD THAT "ARGENTINA WOULD NEGOTIATE".

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL FLIES TO GENEVA TOMORROW AFTERNOON AFTER SEEING FANFANI, SPADOLINI AND COLOMBO. THE PARTY WILL STAY AT THE GENEVA INTERCONTINENTAL. PICCO SPECULATED THAT, NOW THAT WE HAD BROKEN RELATIONS, WE MIGHT FIND THE SECRETARY GENERAL A USEFUL AND DISCREET CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION. HE WAS "NOT VERY LATIN AMERICAN". THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS READY TO RETURN TO NEW YORK AT ANY TIME, AND WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HEAD OF CHANCERY REMARKED THAT ALL OUR EFFORTS AT PRESENT WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINES TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BASED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502.

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4. IF YOU HAVE ANY URGENT MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL,  
IT SHOULD REACH US BY 1100 GMT TOMORROW. OTHERWISE UKMIS GENEVA  
WOULD BE THE BETTER CHANNEL.

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