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MY TELNOS 165 AND 166: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THERE WAS A SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE COUNCIL THIS MORNING, ALTHOUGH I MADE CLEAR THAT I HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I HAD TOLD THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INFORMALLY YESTERDAY. THE CANADIAN AND BELGIAN AMBASSADORS AND THE DANISH AND DUTCH CHARGES REFERRED TO THE POSITIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, ADDING NOTHING TO WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW. I THANKED THEM.

2. LUNS, REFERRING TO A REUTERS REPORT QUOTING THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AS QUOTE HAVING GREAT HOPES OF NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE AFTER HIS MEETING WITH MR HAIG, ASKED IF IT WAS CORRECT THAT HMG WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE UNTIL THE ARGENTINES HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE FALKLANDS. I SAID OUR POSITION WAS THAT ARGENTINA MUST OBEY SCR 502. LUNS COMMENTED THAT THE OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER, SEEMED PREMATURE. I AGREED. I ADDED THAT THE GREATER THE PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR BY OUR ALLIES ON ARGENTINA, THE MORE LIKELY IT WAS THAT THE DISPUTE COULD BE SETTLED PEACEABLY.

3. LUN'S QUESTION MAY WELL BE A FORETASTE OF GROWING INTEREST IN THE NAC IN OUR INTENTIONS.
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[THIS TELEGRAM WAS NOT ADVANCED]

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