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TELEGRAM NO 175 OF 8 APRIL

YOUR TEL NO 141 FALKLANDS

1. I SAW THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS EVENING. AFTER EXPRESSING THANKS FOR JAPAN'S SUPPORT IN THE UK SECURITY COUNCIL I SAID THAT WE WERE STILL LOOKING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HOWEVER COMPLETE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. IT WAS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO PUT MAXIMUM AND URGENT PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINE TO WITHDRAW. WE HOPED FOR SPEEDY AND POSITIVE ACTION ON THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO MRS THATCHER'S LETTER TO MR SUZUKI. I POINTED OUT THAT THE SITUATION WAS GRAVE AND TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF OUR DECLARATION OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE (YOUR TELNO 50 TO ABIDJAN). I THEN READ TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXTRACTS FROM YOUR SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 7 APRIL LEAVING A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT WITH HIS OFFICIALS. I STRESSED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO SEE THAT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WERE FREED FROM OCCUPATION AND RETURNED TO BRITISH ADMINISTRATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. I REMINDED HIM THAT BRITAIN DOES NOT APPEASE DICTATORS AND STRESSED THAT WE RESERVED OUR UNDOUBTED RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE UNDER THE UN CHARTER. I POINTED OUT THE SERIOUS PRECEDENT WHICH ARGENTINE ACTION SET FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE.

2. MR SAKURAUCHI REPLIED THAT JAPAN'S BASIC POSITION WAS THAT THEY HOPED FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WITHOUT THE USE OF FORCE AS THEIR AMBASSADOR HAD SAID AT THE UNITED NATIONS. HE HAD REPEATED THIS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AND THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT HAD BEEN ISSUED TO THE PRESS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS MRS THATCHER'S LETTER WITH MR SUZUKI BUT HE WOULD DO SO AT THE CABINET MEETING TOMORROW. HE WAS CONSCIOUS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. AND HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD MEASURES WHICH THE UK GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN SO FAR. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT SECRETARY HAIG'S VISIT TO LONDON AND SAID THAT JAPAN HOPED THE MISSION WOULD LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT. I REITERATED THAT WHILE LOOKING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THE PREREQUISITE WAS TOTAL ARGENTIN

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WITHDRAWAL FROM BRITISH TERRITORY.

3. I ACCOMPANIED SIR JULIAN RIDSDALE ON A CALL ON ABE THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHERE WE SOUGHT HIS SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURES WE HAD REQUESTED. I HAVE ALSO SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NIKAIDO) AS WELL AS OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND OF MR ESAKI WHO RECENTLY VISITED BRITAIN. I WAS GIVEN A SYMPATHETIC HEARING BY ALL OF THEM WHO ROUNDLY CONDEMNED ARGENTINE BEHAVIOUR. NIKAIDO PROMISED TO SPEAK TO THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER URGING A POSITIVE JAPANESE RESPONSE TO MRS THATCHER'S LETTER.

4. WE HAVE SEPARATELY SEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AT THE APPARENT CONTINUED POLICY OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OF ADOPTING A !! WAIT AND SEE!! ATTITUDE. WE WERE ASSURED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE POLICY OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPANESE PRESS CORPS HAD BEEN SUMMONED TODAY TO THE MFA TO BE TOLD THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS ONE OF ACTIVELY SEEKING A WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE TROOPS FROM THE FALKLANDS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HAD ALSO BEEN SUMMONED TODAY TO BE TOLD THE SAME THING. THERE HAD BEEN A MEETING THIS MORNING OF ALL DIRECTORS GENERAL OF THE MINISTRIES CONCERNED TO CONSIDER THE POINTS MADE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MR SUZUKI. NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN BUT THE MATTER WAS UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION.
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