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FROM U K MISSION NEW YORK 082252Z APRIL 82

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 428 OF 8 APRIL.

PERSONAL FOR WILLIAMS, UND.

UKMIS GENEVA TELNO 161; FALKLAND ISLANDS; UN SECRETARY GENERAL.

1. RAFEEUDDIN AHMED TOLD ME LAST NIGHT (7 APRIL) THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS QUESTION, IN THE ABSENCE OF DIEGO CORDOVEZ. URQUHART SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT HE WOULD NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE QUESTION CLOSELY HIMSELF.

2. THIS MORNING (8 APRIL) A CONTACT IN THE SECRETARIAT TOLD US IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD NOT ONLY PUT AHMED IN CHARGE OF THE FALKLANDS QUESTION BUT HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED HIM QUOTE TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS UNQUOTE. OUR CONTACT THEN GAVE US AN ACCOUNT OF AN OPTIONS PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN PUT TOGETHER TODAY AT WORKING LEVEL FOR SUBMISSION TO AHMED. THIS WAS A HALF-BAKED DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US SETTING OUT (A) !!BASIC ELEMENTS!! (EG !!BOTH PARTIES WOULD DISENGAGE MILITARILY!!), (B) OPTIONS FOR !!AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION!!, ONE OF WHICH IS FOR AN ADMINISTRATION RUN BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL UNDER A MANDATE FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND (C) SUGGESTED PROCEDURES, CONCLUDING WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN TAKING AN INITIATIVE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

3. WITHOUT REVEALING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DOCUMENT (FOR WE CANNOT COMPROMISE OUR SOURCE), I TELEPHONED AHMED AND EXPLAINED TO HIM (AS I HAD LAST NIGHT) THAT ALL OUR PRESENT EFFORTS WERE BENT ON GETTING THE ARGENTINES TO IMPLEMENT SCR 502 AND THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT. THERE WAS NO USEFUL ROLE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT PRESENT AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN HIS OWN INTERESTS TO AROUSE EXPECTATIONS BY RETURNING TO NEW YORK. THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT THE DECKS SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAR FOR OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO GET THE ARGENTINES TO IMPLEMENT SCR 502. AHMED SAID THAT HE FHYVD MNJSN POINTS. HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT WORK WAS UNDERWAY ON POSSIBLE PROPOSALS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL: !!THE DECKS WERE INDEED CLEAR!!.

4. I SUBSEQUENTLY MADE THE SAME POINTS TO ESSAAFI, PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S CHEF DE CABINET, WHEN HE TELEPHONED TO ASK WHETHER I COULD GIVE HIM INFORMATION ABOUT SECRETARY HAIG'S CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE PRIME MINISTER.

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5. WE ALSO TOLD URQUHART THAT WE HAD HEARD RUMOURS OF IDEAS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT (BUT WITHOUT REVEALING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF AN ACTUAL PAPER). URQUHART CHECKED WITH AHMED WHO DENIED THAT ANY PLANS FOR AN INITIATIVE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL WERE UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION. URQUHART WAS INCLINED TO TAKE THIS AT FACE VALUE, ATTRIBUTING OUR !!RUMOURS!! TO THE UN PRESS CORPS, BUT SUGGESTED THAT, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE, SIR A PARSONS MIGHT SPEAK TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN GENEVA TOMORROW, TO REINFORCE WHAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID TO HIM. PEREZ DE CUELLAR WILL BE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN GENEVA UNTIL 10 APRIL (TELEPHONE NUMBER 346091).

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