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I think you might like to know that Robert Rhodes James tells me he had lunch with a Mr Dempsey of the Irish Embassy recently. RRJ said he hoped the Irish Government would continue to support us over the Falklands. Dempsey replied that if fighting broke out "there would be problems of legality" and gave a clear and unmistakable impression that the Republic might well back away from its previous attitude in the United Nations.

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