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(56) MY TELNO 406; FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE UN.

1. THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN THE MAIN DEVELOPMENTS TODAY (6 APRIL).

2. KAMANDA (ZAIRE), PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SAW THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AT NOON. HE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD WHYTE THAT COSTA MENDEZ HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (A) ARGENTINA WISHED TO RESPECT SCR 502 AND TO PROCEED TO NEGOTIATION;
- (B) THE NAVAL TASK FORCE BEING ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH WAS CONTRARY TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE RESOLUTION;
- (C) ARGENTINA WAS A PEACEFUL NATION WITH NO AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST ANYBODY
- (D) ARGENTINA WAS AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS PRESIDENT TO WORK OUT ANY AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE ISLANDERS. IF THEY WISHED TO REMAIN, THEY WOULD BE FREE TO DO SO. IF THEY WISHED TO LEAVE, COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID THEM. THOSE WHO CHOSE TO STAY WOULD HAVE ALL THEIR RIGHTS SAFEGUARDED, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, THEIR RELIGION AND EVEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ARGENTINA WISHED TO PROCEED WITH THE UK TO NEGOTIATE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS;
- (E) THE BRITISH TASK FORCE AND THE ATTENDANT PUBLICITY WAS HOWEVER REDUCING THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE.

3. WHYTE TOLD KAMANDA THAT:

- (A) THE BRITISH TASK FORCE WAS NOT ENGAGING IN ANY HOSTILITIES AT PRESENT AND WE HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR IT TO DO SO;
- (B) THE RESOLUTION WAS ALL ONE PIECE. WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN IMPLEMENTING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 AS AND WHEN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2;
- (C) SHOULD THEY FAIL TO DO SO WE RESERVED OUR RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER.

KAMANDA DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAD ANY INITIATIVE IN MIND. BUT HE GOT BACK TO WHYTE LATER SUGGESTING WE SHOULD ON A PERSONAL BASIS START TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE THE ELEMENTS OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WHYTE DROVE HIM OFF THIS AND BROUGHT HIM BACK TO SCR 502 OP PARA 2.

4. URQUHART MEANWHILE TOLD US THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS COMING UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS FACTIONS WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT TO RETURN TO NEW YORK. IT WAS BEING SAID THAT IT WAS WRONG FOR HIM TO BE IN EUROPE WHEN THE WORLD WAS ABOUT TO CATCH FIRE. PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS BECOMING WORRIED. WE TOOK URQUHART

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AGAIN THROUGH THE ARGUMENTS I HAD USED WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND HIS STAFF YESTERDAY (MY TELNO 396). URQUHART SAID THAT HE WOULD AGAIN ADVISE THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOT TO RETURN, MAKING THE POINT THAT IF HE WERE TO DO SO RESULTS WOULD BE EXPECTED OF HIM BUT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY YET.

5. THUNBORG (SWEDEN) TELEPHONED TO ASK WHAT SCOPE I THOUGHT THERE WAS FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING INITIATIVE. I POINTED OUT THAT UN PEACEKEEPING HAD TO HAVE THE CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES; THIS WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING WHILE ARGENTINA REMAINED IN BREACH OF SCR 502. THUNBORG'S ENQUIRY IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES; AS THE TASK FORCE GETS CLOSER TO THE FALKLANDS, THE RISK WILL INCREASE THAT DO-GOODERS HERE WILL TAKE SOME INITIATIVE INTENDED TO TIE OUR HANDS, THEREBY FORCING US TO VETO.

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6. THE PURPOSE OF THE JAPANESE COUNSELLOR'S CALL ON THE HEAD OF CHANCERY (PARAGRAPH 5 OF OUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE) WAS TO REGISTER A MILD COMPLAINT ABOUT OUR HAVING MISREPRESENTED THE JAPANESE POSITION IN OUR TELNO 380; THE JAPANESE MISSION HAD RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT JAPAN VOTE IN FAVOUR AND HAD ALWAYS INTENDED TO DO SO; OUR REPORT OF THEIR POSITION HAD LED TO REPRESENTATIONS IN TOKYO BY HM AMBASSADOR, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND MR RIDSDALE MP WHICH HAD CAUSED SOME EMBARRASSMENT. GOULDING TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE LINES OF YOUR TELNO 63 TO ANKARA AND YOUR TELNO 137 TO TOKYO AND TO SAY THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO REVERT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN TIME FOR DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINES TO PRODUCE SOME RESULTS. SEZAKI GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE JAPANESE WERE THINKING OF DOING ANYTHING IN THE COUNCIL THEMSELVES.

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7. AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE, BELGIUM (IN A NATIONAL CAPACITY) MENTIONED THE ARGENTINE "INVASION" AS A CURRENT EXAMPLE OF BLATANT DISREGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE. THE ARGENTINE OBSERVER TO THE COMMITTEE REPLIED ON THE USUAL LINES. WE EXERCISED OUR RIGHT OF REPLY TO ARGENTINA, FIRMLY ASSERTING THE UK POSITION AND DRAWING ATTENTION TO SCR 502 AND THE EARLIER UN EFFORTS TO URGE RESTRAINT WHICH HAD BEEN IGNORED BY THE ARGENTINES. WE WILL SPEAK IN THE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (YOUR TELNO 212).

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