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68 OUR TELNO 413 (NOT TO ALL); FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE UN

1. FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF EVENTS AT THE UN AT CLOSE OF PLAY TODAY (7 APRIL).
2. ROCAS, THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, SPOKE TO THE NON-ALIGNED YESTERDAY EVENING(6 APRIL). THE MEETING WAS REASONABLY WELL ATTENDED DESPITE THE SNOW. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE BASED HIMSELF ON THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING ARGENTINA'S CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS AND SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DRIVEN TO OCCUPY THE ISLANDS BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE GAVE A LONG LIST OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HE CLAIMED SUPPORTED ARGENTINA. HE STRESSED THAT ARGENTINA WOULD PROTECT THE ISLANDERS' RIGHTS, AND COMPENSATE THEM IF THEY WISHED TO LEAVE. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS STUDYING SCR 502 BUT THAT THE UK WAS NOT ABIDING BY IT BECAUSE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 WHICH CALLED FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. HE REITERATED THAT ARGENTINA WAS OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS EXCEPT ON SOVEREIGNTY. NICARAGUA, PERU, ECUADOR (STRONGLY) AND PANAMA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF ARGENTINA. NO-ONE ELSE SPOKE. ROCA MADE NO ATTEMPT TO SEEK A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FROM THE NON-ALIGNED. THE MEETING LASTED ABOUT 40 MINUTES AND THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION IN THE CORRIDORS AFTERWARDS.
3. AS FORECAST IN OUR TELNO 405, I MADE A STRONG STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE (WOTONUF) (MAIN BODY OF TEXT IN MIFT, NOT TO ALL). THE ARGENTINES MADE A BRIEF LAME REPLY (TEXT BY BAG TO SAMD).
4. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO DISTURBING STRAWS IN THE WIND. A MEMBER OF THE IRISH DELEGATION TOLD US THAT HIS MISSION SAW RESOLUTION 502 AS APPLYING AS MUCH TO ANY BRITISH RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST ARGENTINA AS TO THE ARGENTINE INVASION. WE MADE CLEAR THE REAL MEANING OF THE RESOLUTION AND SAID WE EXPECTED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 502 IN PARTICULAR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2. THIS CONFIRMS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO WATCH THE IRISH AND OTHER DO-GOODERS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM THE ICELANDIC MISSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUGGESTION IN NORDIC CAPITALS THAT A NORDIC INITIATIVE IS BEING PREPARED TO PREVENT A CONFLAGRATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC; BUT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE LAUNCHED BEFORE EASTER.

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5. THE PANAMIANS HAVE MEANWHILE TOLD THE JAPANESE THAT ARGENTINA AIMS TO GET PANAMA TO CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE ROYAL NAVY APPROACHES THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

6. A MEMBER OF THE US MISSION (PLEASE PROTECT) HAS TODAY PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE DEPT AN ACCOUNT OF THE ROLE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINLAND AND SWEDEN ABOUT THE AALAND ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO HIM, FINLAND WAS GIVEN NOMINAL SOVEREIGNTY, THE SWEDISH POPULATION GUARANTEES FOR THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND A COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE THE TASK OF WATCHDOG.

7. THE WOTONUF STATEMENT WAS A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CLEAR TO MANY DELEGATIONS THAT OUR OVER RIDING PRIORITY IS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502, PARTICULARLY THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE TROOPS AND THAT WE EXPECT ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THAT END.

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