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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 86 OF 12 APRIL

YOUR TELNO 59: PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

1. I AM TODAY SEEING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND SHALL SPEAK ALSO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH WHOM I AM CONSTANTLY IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE. I SHALL TELEGRAPH MY RECOMMENDATIONS THIS EVENING.
2. I SPOKE EARLIER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR TUR. HIS OFFICE HAVE NOW ASKED FOR A LETTER CONTAINING THE MESSAGE (WHICH THEY NO DOUBT WISH TO GIVE OUT TO THE LOCAL PRESS) WHICH I HAVE DULY FORWARDED. IT WAS ALSO CONVEYED TO ME THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING A SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. IN AN EARLIER CONVERSATION THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED ME IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RESPONSE TO THE FIRST PERUVIAN PROPOSAL REPORTED IN MY TELNO 74.
3. IS THERE NO CHANCE OF HAVING A MORE SUBSTANTIVE MESSAGE ON EITHER OF THEIR TWO PROPOSALS BY THE TIME I SPEAK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS EVENING? IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE PERUVIANS ATTACH GREATER URGENCY TO THE FALKLAND CRISIS THAN TO ANY OTHER MATTERS WE HAVE IN HAND.

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