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FM LIMA 130140Z APR 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 89 OF 13 APRIL



MY TELNO 86: PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

1. WITH THE GREATEST REGRET I AGREE WITH YOUR SUBMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED VISIT SHOULD NOT (NOT) NOW TAKE PLACE (YOUR TELNO 59). AS A RESULT OF MY DISCUSSIONS TODAY, THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE VISIT OF PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND MR OGILVY SHOULD BE QUOTE POSTPONED IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION UNQUOTE AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE FORMULA USED IN ANY ANNOUNCEMENT YOU MAY HAVE TO MAKE ON THE SUBJECT. THESE ARE ALSO THE TERMS WE SHALL USE IN THE FORMAL COMMUNICATION WHICH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE REQUESTED, WHICH I PROPOSE TO SEND TOMOROW. IN ADDITION THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HAS EMPHASISED SOME FUTHER ASPECTS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION WHICH CONFIRM THE DOUBTS FORESHADOWED IN MY LETTER OF 1 APRIL TO FEARN ABOUT INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE PROVINCES AND THE PROSPECT OF PROVOKING INCIDENTS DURING THE TOUR OUTSIDE LIMA.

2. ALL CONCERNED HAVE EMPHASISED THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT DISPOSED TO WITHDRAW THE INVITATION SEMI-COLON AND THAT OUR DECISION WILL CAUSE DEEP DISTRESS TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL BUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT WAVE OF PUBLIC EMOTION AND PRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE POSTURE IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID SITUATIONS IN WHICH ILL-DISPOSED ELEMENTS MIGHT CREATE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE VISITORS AND/OR THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AS BOTH PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESS HAVE CONSISTENTLY FAVOURED THE ARGENTINE POSTURE SEMI-COLON AND, OF COURSE, ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACQUIESCED IN THIS FORMULA AND THAT HIS EARNEST HOPE IS THAT THE VISIT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT SOME FUTURE

DATE, EG, OCTOBER.

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