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FROM BRITDEFAT MONTEVIDEO. FOR CDS.

1. AS ONE WHO KNOWS SOMETHING OF THE PRESENT ARGENTINE MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND HAS ALSO VISITED THE FALKLANDS RECENTLY I VENTURE TO PUT FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CRISIS.

2. THE KEY STEP WOULD BE A STATEMENT BY HMG THAT WE AGREE (NEXT

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THREE WORDS UNDERLINED) NOT TO CONTEST THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE IN FAVOUR OF THE PURSUANCE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPAL STRESSED IN ALL TACKS TO DATE IE THE GUARANTEE OF ISLANDER INTERESTS WHICH MEANS INTER ALIA THEIR RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE.

3. IN PURSUANCE OF THIS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME WOULD BE PROPOSED:

- A. WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARGENTINE TROOPS
- B. RETURN OF TASK FORCE TO UK.
- C. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM ALL CIVILIAN INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATION TO WORK UNDER A NEWLY DESIGNED ISLAND FLAG (ALL ARGENTINE PROVINCES HAVE FLAGS AND THESE ARE IMPORTANT).
- D. RIGHT OF BOTH NATIONS TO CANVAS ISLANDER OPINION, AND TO SETTLE NEW COMMUNITIES IF THEY WISHED, FOR A PERIOD OF X YEARS LEADING TO.....
- E. UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS FOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO BE ADOPTED.

4. CLEARLY THIS IS FAR FROM COMPLETE BUT THE URGENT TRUTH IS THAT IF WE STICK ON SOVEREIGNTY WE MUST FIGHT A MOST DEARLY EXPENSIVE BATTLE OVER A CAUSE WHICH MAY NOT BE HELD IN GREAT CONVICTION BY THOSE MOST CONCERNED IE THE ISLANDERS THEMSELVES,

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AND STAND TO LOSE MUCH IN THE WIDER WORLD WHEN IT IS ALL OVER.

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BY WINNING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE FOR THE ISLANDERS WE SHOULD I
SUGGEST HAVE WON THE PRINCIPLE FOR WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS STOOD.

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