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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1Ø2 OF 13 APRIL

AND TO INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

UKMIS TELNO 452: FALKLAND ISLANDS: IRELAND AND THE U N

1. IN A STATEMENT ON 1Ø APRIL, THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS READY TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN THE SEARCH FOR DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR DORR TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY. THE PEACE-MAKING AND PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY OF THE U N MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A PRACTICAL MEANS OF AVOIDING A MAJOR CLASH.

2. THE IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR THIS MORNING GAVE ME DETAILS OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR DORR AND HIS ARGENTINE COLLEAGUE IN WHICH DORR, WHILE STRESSING THAT THE IRISH DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE WITH THE HAIG NEGOTIATION, THOUGHT THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF:

- (A) A BRITISH READINESS TO SEE SOVEREIGNTY PASS TO ARGENTINA:
- (B) A U N PRESENCE TO ALLOW FOR ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL.

DORR BELIEVED THE ARGENTINE RECEIVED THESE VIEWS WELL AND SAID THAT HIS STAFF HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS BUT HAD NOT MADE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUENOS AIRES IN CASE THEIR OWN PATRIOTISM SHOULD BE IN DOUBT. BUT HE WOULD PASS BACK IRISH VIEWS, ATTRIBUTING THEM TO !! SOME SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS!!.

3. OTHER POINTS THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR MADE TO DORR WERE:

- (A) THE UNITED STATES WAS CONCERNED LEST THE RIO TREATY BE INVOKED:
- (B) ARGENTINA MIGHT HAVE TO !!RECONSIDER HER DIRECTION!! IF THE

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AMERICANS LET HER DOWN:

(C) A FAVOURABLE (I.E. PRO-ARGENTINE) RESOLUTION OF THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE WOULD ENABLE BUENOS AIRES TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY OVER THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE:

(D) THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AROUND THEM WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO ARGENTINE EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTICA.

4. MACKERNAN ALSO READ ME EXTRACTS FROM A TELEGRAM FROM THE IRISH AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES. THE MOST INTERESTING POINT WAS THAT THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SCARCELY BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HAIG NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND A SENIOR OFFICIAL NAMED ROSS HAD PLAYED A PERIPHERAL ROLE. WHEN THE ARGENTINE ECONOMIC DIRECTOR HAD PROTESTED TO AMBASSADOR WALSH ON 11 APRIL OVER IRISH SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DECLARATION, HE HAD STRESSED THE LEGAL ANGLE, CLAIMING THAT ONLY THE UNITED NATIONS COULD IMPOSE SANCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. HE HAD ALSO WARNED THAT AFTER THE CRISIS '!!A DIFFERENT ARGENTINA!! MIGHT NOT FORGIVE THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS ATTITUDE.

5. IF DORR IS KEEPING U K M I S INFORMED OF HIS CONTACTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I CAN AVOID DUPLICATING REPORTS. I NATURALLY TOLD MACKERNAN THAT FOR THE MOMENT WE WANTED TO CONCENTRATE ALL OUR EFFORTS ON THE HAIG NEGOTIATION. WHILE THE IRISH APPRECIATE THIS, THEY STILL HANKER AFTER SOME PEACE-MAKING ROLE OF THEIR OWN AND MACKERNAN SAID HE HAD PASSED AN IRISH '!!NON-PAPER!! WITH SOME IDEAS TO BULLARD ON 10 APRIL.

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