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MY TELNO 452: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THIS MORNING (13 APRIL). I GAVE HIM A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF MY VISIT TO LONDON, CONCENTRATING ON THE DETERMINATION OF HMG AND THE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OF PARLIAMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION. I SAID THAT OUR POSITION WAS QUITE STRAIGHT FORWARD. THERE WAS A MANDATORY RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. MEANWHILE, IF ANYONE TRIED TO INTRODUCE UN PEACE MAKING MECHANISMS INTO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH REQUIRED THE CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES EG HIS OWN GOOD OFFICES, SECURITY COUNCIL COMMISSIONS ETC, WE WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE THEM. THE BALL WAS IN THE ARGENTINE COURT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502, AND THE ONLY VALID DIPLOMATIC ACTION WHICH HE OR ANYONE ELSE COULD TAKE WAS TO URGE THE ARGENTINIANS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT DELAY. I DREW HIS ATTENTION IN SOME DETAIL TO THE WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WHICH WE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED.

2. PERZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE ENTIRELY UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION. HE HAD MADE CLEAR WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE PRESS THAT HE SAW NO ROLE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT PRESENT. HE HAD DRAWN ATTENTION TO SCR 502 AND TO HAIG'S MISSION. HE GAVE ME HIS WORD THAT, FOR PERSONAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REASONS, HE WOULD NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY MOVE IN THE UN WITHOUT FIRST CLEARING IT WITH ME.

3. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT, SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEFT GENEVA FOR NEW YORK YESTERDAY (12 APRIL) AFTERNOON, HE HAD RECEIVED (AT 3PM GENEVA TIME) A MESSAGE FROM THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER TRANSMITTED BY THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA. THE FOLLOWING WAS THE GIST OF THE MESSAGE. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT A RESTORATION OF THE STATUS QUO ANTE AND ARGENTINIAN SOVEREIGNTY WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE. THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT HAIG'S SUGGESTION! OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE ISLANDERS. THEY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS !INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!. ANY INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN THE ISLANDS

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MUST INCLUDE ARGENTINIANS. THEY WOULD ONLY CONTEMPLATE WITHDRAWAL ON A MUTUAL BASIS LINKED TO AN OVERALL SOLUTION.

4. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINED NO REQUEST FOR ACTION BY HIM.

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