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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 88 OF 13 APRIL

YOUR TELNO 60: FALKLANDS

1. IN CONSIDERING YOUR SUBSTANTIVE REPLY TO PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S TRUCE PROPOSAL YOU MAY WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF SHOWING THAT WE TAKE SERIOUSLY INTO ACCOUNT INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY CIVILIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS WHOSE DECLARED OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND WHOSE OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCUMSPECT AND COUCHED IN MEASURED TERMS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE MORE STRIDENT ATTITUDES OF PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY OPINION. AS SEEN FROM HERE, IT IS DOUBLY IMPORTANT TO REACT POSITIVELY TO PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S INITIATIVE AT A TIME WHEN HE HAS BEEN EMBARRASSED BY THE BLIMPISH STATEMENTS OF THE STRONGLY PRO-ARGENTINE MINISTER OF WAR WHOSE PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN REFUTED IN CATEGORICAL TERMS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY AS WELL AS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ME.
2. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO CONFIRM, PREDICTABLY, THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED FAVOURABLY TO THE PERUVIAN TRUCE PROPOSAL AND HAS CONVEYED TO ME AGAIN THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN A SUBSTANTIVE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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