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RY TELNO 459 (NOT TO ALL): FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE UN

1. I SAW THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MORNING (14 APRIL) AND SPOKE ON THE LINES OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. KAMANDA WAS COOPERATIVE. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS MUCH CONCERN IN NEW YORK ABOUT THE CRISIS. BUT HE TOOK THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR THE COUNCIL TO INVOLVE ITSELF WHILE THE HAIG MISSION WAS UNDERWAY AND PROMISED THAT AS LONG AS THE PARTIES WISHED HAIG TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT IMPEDE HIS EFFORTS IN ANY WAY.

2. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, MY PANAMANIAN COLLEAGUE GAVE HIM AN 8-PAGE LETTER IN SPANISH WHICH CONCLUDED WITH A REQUEST THAT KAMANDA CONVENE URGENT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SO THAT THE COUNCIL COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS. THE LETTER SETS OUT THE ARGENTINE CASE AT TEDIOUS LENGTH AND IN OFFENSIVE TERMS. WE WILL FACSIMILE THE TRANSLATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. THE MAIN THEMES ARE:

- (A) APPLAUSE FOR THE BLOODLESS WAY IN WHICH THE ARGENTINES RECOVERED THEIR TERRITORY;
- (B) DENUNCIATION OF OUR NAVAL TASK FORCE AND OF THE MEZ;
- (C) INVOCATION OF THE AMERICAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE, AND CRITICISM OF THE US FOR MAKING ITS BASE ON ASCENSION AVAILABLE TO US;
- (D) DENUNCIATION OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE UK, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE DESCRIBED AS ECONOMIC AGGRESSION AND A VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER;

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- (E) DENUNCIATION OF THE UK FOR BREACHING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCR 502, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE TREATY OF Tlatelolco;
- (F) AFFIRMATION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS;
- (G) STATEMENT THAT NEITHER ARTICLE 51 NOR SCR 502 AUTHORISE THE ITWAR-LIKE!! ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UK;
- (H) A CALL ON THE COUNCIL TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO STOP THE AGGRESSION WHICH IS UNDERWAY AGAINST ARGENTINA.

3. I ASSUMED THIS LETTER TO BE A PERSONAL INITIATIVE OF THE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ILLUECA, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO NEW YORK FROM KUWAIT. I THEREFORE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON TO TRY TO GET THE PRESIDENT OF PANAMA TO CALL ILLUECA OFF. I ALSO SUGGESTED TO KAMANDA THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONVERSATION EARLIER IN THE DAY, HE SHOULD PLAY THIS LONG. HE AGREED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL THE LETTER HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TOMORROW MORNING AND THAT HE WOULD THEN, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, SEE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INDIVIDUALLY. WE SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD FROM HM AMBASSADOR AT PANAMA CITY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT ROYO WHO HAD JUST INSTRUCTED THE PANAMANIAN'S HERE NOT TO PRESS FOR DISCUSSION OF OZORES TYPALDOS! LETTER IMMEDIATELY AND TO INDICATE THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE OUTCOME OF HAIQ'S MISSION WAS KNOWN. HM EMBASSY IN

WASHINGTON ALSO TOLD US THAT GENERAL WALTERS HAD SPOKEN SUCCESSFULLY TO PRESIDENT ROYO.

4. I HOPE THAT THESE INTERVENTIONS IN PANAMA CITY, TOGETHER WITH KAMANDA'S HELPFUL ATTITUDE AND THE FACT THAT HAIQ IS ON HIS TRAVELS AGAIN, WILL ENABLE US TO AVOID FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN THE COUNCIL FOR THE REST OF THIS WEEK. BUT I CANNOT BE SURE. ILLUECA IS A MALICIOUS AND PERSISTENT OPERATOR.

5. SINCE THE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE (FOR TOGO ALSO) GUYANA, IRELAND, UGANDA AND JAPAN. THEY ALL AGREED THAT THEY WOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THE PANAMANIAN LETTER WHILE HAIQ IS STILL IN ACTION. I HAD A FINAL WORD WITH KAMANDA. I TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENCE OF OUR CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENT OF PANAMA AND OF THE ATTITUDE OF DELEGATIONS TO WHOM WE HAD SPOKEN. HE APPEARED DETERMINED TO PLAY THE HAND WITH

GREAT CAUTION IN THE LIGHT OF HAIQ'S MISSION.

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