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OUR TELNO 436, PARAGRAPH 5; FALKLANDS: COUNCILLOR CHEEK.

1. ON REFLECTION I NO LONGER THINK THAT WE SHOULD LINK CHEEK'S VISIT TO PROCEEDINGS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS HERE SUCCEED, IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE ARE IN THE COUNCIL AGAIN. IF THEY FAIL, THE FOCUS OF THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION WILL BE ON OUR NAVAL OPERATIONS. THE TESTIMONY OF CHEEK AND HIS COMPANION WILL NOT CARRY MUCH WEIGHT IN THIS CONTEXT. WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY WILL RELATE MUCH MORE TO SELF DETERMINATION AND PERHAPS HUMAN RIGHTS.
2. THERE ARE THREE MAIN WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN DEPLOY THEM HERE:
 - (A) WITH THE PRESS AND TELEVISION. BIS WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE.
 - (B) INFORMALLY WITH UN DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY SOME FROM THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH IS DUE TO HOLD A PLENARY SESSION AS SOON AS ITS CURRENT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.
 - (C) AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF ECOSOC: THE FIRST (AND PROBABLY ONLY) OCCASION WILL BE WHEN WE PRESENT OUR REPORT UNDER ARTICLES 13 - 15 OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COVENANT (OUR TELNO 419, PARAGRAPH 6). THIS IS PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED FOR 28 APRIL. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THE SECRETARIAT FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT DOCUMENTATION WILL BE READY IN TIME BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE THIS.
3. I ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND THAT CHEEK AND HIS COMPANION SHOULD COME TO NEW YORK AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK AND PLAN TO STAY FOR THE WHOLE WEEK.
4. THE SCENARIO AT ECOSOC ON 21 APRIL WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:- AFTER INTRODUCING THE REPORT AS A WHOLE ALONG THE USUAL LINES, I WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ARGENTINE INVASION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE ISLANDERS UNDER THE COVENANT AS SET OUT IN OUR REPORT, AND ASK CHEEK TO COMMENT IN MORE DETAIL (WE HAVE SOME IDEAS FOR THIS WHICH WE COULD DISCUSS WITH HIM AFTER HIS ARRIVAL). CHEEK COULD ALSO ANSWER MORE AUTHORITATIVELY THAN OURSELVES THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS WHICH WE WOULD PROMPT FROM OUR FRIENDS ON THE WORKING GROUP.

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5. CHEEK'S PRESENCE COULD OF COURSE PROVOKE A PROCEDURAL WRANGLE. THE ARGENTINES ARE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT HIS RIGHT TO BE HEARD WITHOUT A FIGHT. GIVEN THAT THE WORKING GROUP TRADITIONALLY OPERATES BY CONSENSUS THE ISSUE WILL NOT BE EASILY RESOLVED AND COULD RESULT IN THE HEARING OF OUR REPORT BEING POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF ECOSOC. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE BUT A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THE ATTENTION WHICH OUR PRESENTATION WILL DRAW TO THE FALKLANDS ISSUE AND TO OUR CONTINUING REASSERTION OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY.

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