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TO IMMEDIATE F C O  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 473 OF 15 APRIL 1982  
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON,  
INFO UKMIS GENEVA.

MY TELNO 419 AND YOUR TELNO 237: FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE UN.

1. AS AGREED, I DELIVERED A STATEMENT FOCUSING ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE IN THE PLENARY OF ECOSOC THIS MORNING (15 APRIL) UNDER THE COSTA RICAN ITEM ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AND YEAR OF PEACE. TEXT IN MIFT. ARGENTINA DELIVERED A LAME RIGHT OF REPLY (DETAILS BY BAG TO SAMD).

2. THE ONLY OTHER SPEAKER UNDER THE ITEM WAS COSTA RICA. A GENERAL DEBATE ON THE FALKLANDS WOULD HAVE SERVED LITTLE PURPOSE, AND COULD HAVE EARNED US SOME ILL WILL. WE DID NOT THEREFORE PRESS OUR FRIENDS TO DELIVER STATEMENTS IN OUR SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE READY TO SPEAK IF A GENERAL DEBATE HAD DEVELOPED.

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