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TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

TELEGRAM NUMBER 265 OF 16 APRIL

YOUR TELNO 476; FALKLANDS AT THE UN

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1. WE ARE CONSIDERING ON A PURELY CONTINGENCY BASIS WHAT DIPLOMATIC MOVES MIGHT BE OPEN TO US IF HAIG'S PRESENT EFFORTS SHOULD ULTIMATELY FAIL. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS. IF POSSIBLE BY 171200Z.
  2. GIVEN THE PRESSURE FOR ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT YOU EXPECT IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE BY HAIG, WE WOULD SEE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE IN TAKING THE INITIATIVE. WE MIGHT TABLE A DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE IDENTITY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH UK AND ARGENTINA.
  3. DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY RIDE THE PROBABLE PRESSURE YOU DESCRIBE? WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU RECOMMEND PUTTING IN SUCH A DRAFT RESOLUTION? HOW WOULD SCR 502 BE RECALLED OR REAFFIRMED? WOULD THIS MOVE IN YOUR VIEW RULE OUT HAIG RESUMING HIS ACTIVITY WHILE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE WAS STILL ACTIVE?
  4. ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE NOMINEES FOR THE TASK OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE?
  5. WE SHOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON THE OPTION OF A COMMISSION OF A SMALL NUMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE OTHER POSSIBILITY ENVISAGED BY THE PRESIDENT IN YOUR TUR. WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST ACHIEVABLE COMPOSITION OF SUCH A GROUP?
  6. A DIFFERENT KIND OF QUESTION IS WHETHER IT COULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO PROPOSE UN TRUSTEESHIP FOR THE FALKLANDS FOR, SAY, TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR THEIR FUTURE WOULD BE PUT TO THE ISLANDERS. ONE OBVIOUS PITFALL IS THAT

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ARGENTINA MIGHT ARGUE THAT DECOLONISATION, IE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY, MUST BE THE OUTCOME AT THE END OF THE TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS TENTATIVE THOUGHT AND IN PARTICULAR ON WHETHER THE ARGENTINES WOULD BE OUT OF ORDER IN SEEKING TO PREDETERMINE THE FUTURE OF A TERRITORY AFTER THE TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD.

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