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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 490 OF 16 APRIL.

PERSONAL FOR MALLABY.

MY TELNO 480: FALKLANDS AT THE UN.

1. I HAVE HAD A FURTHER THOUGHT. IF THE IDEAS IN MY TUR FIND FAVOUR WITH MINISTERS, ONE OF THE MAIN OBSTACLES TO A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE THE FEELING (WHICH, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING) THAT NO ONE SHOULD INTRODUCE PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT INTO THE COUNCIL WITHOUT AT LEAST SOME PRE-NEGOTIATION WITH THE PARTIES. I WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PERSUADING THE LIKES OF IRELAND AND JAPAN (NOT TO MENTION THE SECRETARY GENERAL) THAT IT WAS REASONABLE TO PRESS FOR A VOTE ON OUR RESOLUTION WITHOUT FIRST ESTABLISHING WHETHER THE DEAL PROPOSED WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE ARGENTINES.

2. ALWAYS ASSUMING THAT MINISTERS COULD LIVE WITH A SETTLEMENT ON THESE LINES (AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER SUCH IDEAS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPLORED WITH HAIG), IT OCCURS TO ME THAT AN ALTERNATIVE COURSE WOULD BE FOR YOU TO ASK HAIG TO PUT MY IDEA TO THE ARGENTINES, IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. IF THEY ACCEPTED IT, WELL AND GOOD; SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL WOULD BE A FORMALITY. IF NOT, IT WOULD STILL BE OPEN TO US TO TABLE IT IN THE COUNCIL AND INVITE THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT IT AS A LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO GET THE ARGENTINES TO SEE SENSE.

3. MEANWHILE, IF I TOLD KAMANDA AND OTHERS (WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL) THAT HAIG WAS ACTIVELY PEDDLING A DETAILED PROPOSAL IN THE FORM OF A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, THIS WOULD HELP TO DETER THE ACTIVISTS FROM CALLING THE COUNCIL PREMATURELY.

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