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YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 480: FALKLANDS AT THE UN

1. I AM INCLINED TO SEE ATTRACTIONS IN YOUR IDEAS AND SHALL BE CONSULTING MY COLLEAGUES. THE KEY TO THE OPERATION WOULD BE TO MOVE REALLY FAST IN THE UN AND TO INSIST THAT NO AMENDMENTS COULD BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE URGENTLY MAKE DETAILED PREPARATIONS WITHIN THE MISSION, ON A BASIS OF STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY.

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2. IF WE WERE TO DECIDE TO ADOPT YOUR PLAN, I SHOULD PREFER IT TO BE LAUNCHED BY YOU IN NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HAIG HAD GIVEN UP HIS MISSION. THE HISTORY OF HAIG'S SHUTTLE SHOWS THAT, IF HE TRIED IT ON THE ARGENTINES (YOUR TELNO 490), THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY TRY TO ALTER PARA 5 OF YOUR DRAFT RESOLUTION SO AS TO PRE-DETERMINE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD GET SOVEREIGNTY AFTER THE INTERIM PERIOD OF UN ADMINISTRATION.

3. WE ARE ALSO INCLINED TO FAVOUR 2 RATHER THAN 5 YEARS FOR THE PERIOD OF UN ADMINISTRATION. WE DO NOT THINK ARGENTINA COULD BE BROUGHT TO ACCEPT MORE THAN THAT.

4. IN ORDER TO GIVE SOMETHING OF A NEW LOOK TO THE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE LONGER TERM, WE SHOULD BE INCLINED TO PROVIDE IN THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THIS COULD BE DONE BY INSERTING 'WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL' AFTER 'UNITED KINGDOM' IN THE FIRST LINE OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF YOUR DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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5. IT IS PROBABLE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD INSIST ON SOME REFERENCE IN ANY RESOLUTION TO PAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ABOUT THE FALKLANDS. SO AS TO PRE-EMPT A LONG DISPUTE ABOUT WHICH ONES TO MENTION, WE SHOULD BE INCLINED TO ALTER THE LAST PART OF PARAGRAPH 5 AS FOLLOWS: '...THE INTERIM PERIOD REFERRED TO ABOVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND BEARING IN MIND RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS'.

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