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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR).

YOUR TELNO 764-766 TO WASHINGTON; FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. HAVING SEEN THE DETAILED NATURE OF THE HAIG/ARGENTINE PROPOSALS I HAVE THE FOLLOWING FURTHER COMMENT TO ADD TO MY TELNO 493.

2. IF WE REJECT THESE PROPOSALS AND HAIG'S MISSION ENDS, I AM EXTREMELY DUBIOUS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR TAKING AN INITIATIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY LAUNCHING FROM SCRATCH A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT PACKAGE WITHOUT RISKING HUMILIATION AND UNACCEPTABLE COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

3. BY THAT TIME, THE DETAILED PROPOSALS IN YOUR TELNO 765 WOULD BE PUBLIC (INDEED ELEMENTS, SOME OF THEM DISTORTED, ARE ALREADY BEING REPORTED BY REUTERS FROM BUENOS AIRES). EVEN OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS ON THE COUNCIL WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY US IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAD NEITHER TRIED TO NEGOTIATE OUT THE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS IN THE DRAFT IN YOUR TELNO 765, NOR ATTEMPTED TO PRE-NEGOTIATE OUR OWN PROPOSALS WITH THE ARGENTINES. THE CONCLUSION WOULD BE DRAWN THAT WE HAD PUT FORWARD OUR PROPOSALS IN THE SURE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WOULD BE REJECTED BY THE ARGENTINES AND THAT OUR PURPOSE WAS MERELY TO CLEAR THE DECKS FOR MILITARY ACTION.

4. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, I DOUBT WHETHER WE WOULD GET MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR VOTES FOR ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WE LAUNCHED FROM SCRATCH WITHOUT PRE-NEGOTIATION AND WITHOUT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AMENDMENTS.

5. I THEREFORE FALL BACK ON MY ORIGINAL VIEW, NAMELY THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BUY AS MUCH TIME AS WE CAN HERE AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FEND OFF RECOURSE BY OTHERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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