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(132) (135) (139) YOUR TELNOS 493, 499 AND 505: FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE UN 1. AFTER FURTHER THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION HERE, WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT YOUR VIEW THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY US TO LAUNCH A PRE-EMPTIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD GET BOGGED DOWN. WE ARE INTERESTED HOWEVER IN YOUR SUGGESTION THAT IF AND WHEN DIPLOMATIC NEGOGIATIONS ARE SEEN TO HAVE FAILED YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER A STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EXERCISE OUR RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE 51. YOUR TELNO 505 ASSUMES, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTERS WOULD NOT (NOT) WISH TO TRY TO LAUNCH ANY OTHER DIPLOMATIC PROCESS ONCE HAIG HAD GIVEN UP. THIS IS NOT CERTAIN, ALTHOUGH IT IS HARD TO SEE WHAT IT MIGHT BE.

2. I AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD NOT BE FORMALLY INVOLVED IN MY TALKS IN WASHINGTON, BUT DEPENDING ON YOUR OWN COMMITMENTS AT THE UN, I WOULD WELCOME IT IF YOU COULD COME DOWN UNOBSTRUSIVELY AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT, SO THAT WE COULD TALK ABOUT THIS.

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