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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 115 OF 24 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

YOUR TEL NO. 823 TO WASHINGTON

FALKLANDS

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR NEWS AND TO REMIND ME THAT HE WAS LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON TONIGHT. I SPoke TO HIM ON THE LINES OF RETRACT 00224 AND ADVISED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT WE WERE OBVIOUSLY KEEN TO AVOID CROSSING ANY WIRES WITH THE 0 P PROPOSALS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, AND EQUALLY DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 WAS IMPLEMENTED.

2. DR ARIAS THEN SAID THAT A FURTHER POSSIBILITY WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE PERUVIANS. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WONDERED WHETHER ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES ARRIVING AT A SOLUTION WAS THE ABSENCE OF DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES PRIMARILY CONCERNED. HE WONDERED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES QUOTE TO MEET INFORMALLY IN PERU UNQUOTE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION BY MEANS OF DIRECT CONTACT. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS PROPOSALS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINA AND WONDERED IF I THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY POINT IN HIM PUTTING FORWARD THESE IDEAS IN WASHINGTON. (AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS ANGLO/ARGENTINE TALKS ON THE FALKLANDS IN LIMA).

3. I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS SUGGESTIONS TO YOU AND THAT WE WOULD ARRANGE TO CONVEY YOUR REACTION OR COMMENTS TO HIM IN WASHINGTON.

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