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UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 1765: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE.

1. PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CAREFUL NOT TO REVEAL THE CONTENTS OF HIS IDEAS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS HERE. AT AN ON THE RECORD PRESS LUNCH TODAY (4 MAY) HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS THEIR NATURE AND CONFINED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT HE HAD ASKED BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO CONVEY THEIR REACTIONS TO HIM ON 5 MAY. SOME OF THE DETAIL IS LEAKING TO THE MEDIA BUT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HIMSELF HAS BEEN METICULOUS ABOUT NOT LEAKING. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT I INSISTED THAT IF WE GAVE A COPY TO THE AMERICANS IT SHOULD BE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD ON NO ACCOUNT REVEAL THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED IT FROM US (WASHINGTON TELNO 1579 - NOT TO ALL).

2. MY COMMUNITY PARTNERS HERE INCLUDE SOME OF THE WORST GOSSIPS IN NEW YORK AND THEY ARE BOUND TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF THE BRIEFING GIVEN BY BULLARD (PARAGRAPH 8 OF UKREP TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE). IF AS A RESULT THE DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS HERE AND THE LEAK IS TRACED BACK TO US, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL BE EXTREMELY UPSET.

3. IT IS PROBABLY TOO LATE TO PLUG THE HOLES BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW OF THE RISK THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL CONSIDER US TO HAVE BREACHED HIS CONFIDENCE.

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