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UKMIS NEW YORK TELEGRAM NO 652: FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE ARGUMENTS BY SIR A PARSONS IN FAVOUR OF A PRIVATE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE LIKELY TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. THEY WOULD NOT BE KEEN TO HAVE TO TAKE SIDES AGAIN OVER A DRAFT RESOLUTION, EVEN BY ABSTENTION. BUT THE SPANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK IS NOTORIOUSLY INDEPENDENT MINDED.

2. AFTER CONSULTING OUR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES, I HAVE SPOKEN ACCORDINGLY TO ORTEGA, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY DURING THE ABSENCE IN WASHINGTON OF HIS MINISTER AND MANUECO. I EMPHASISED THE DANGER OF KILLING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE. AT MY REQUEST, ORTEGA AGREED TO TRANSMIT OUR MESSAGE NOT ONLY TO THE SPANISH DELEGATION IN NEW YORK BUT ALSO TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF PEREZ-LLORCA.

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