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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND UKMIS NEW YORK
FALKLANDS

1. PLEASE SEEK THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT BELAUNDE TODAY ON THE GROUNDS THAT YOU HAVE AN URGENT AND IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM HMG ABOUT THE PERUVIAN PEACE PROPOSALS. IF FOR ANY REASON THE PRESIDENT CANNOT RECEIVE YOU THIS MORNING, YOU SHOULD SEE THE PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER.
2. YOU SHOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT HMG ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE INTERVENTION. IN OUR VIEW, IT CONSTITUTES THE BEST PROSPECT OF SECURING AN EARLY CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL, BEFORE MORE LIVES ARE TRAGICALLY LOST. THE BRITISH CABINET HAS CONSEQUENTLY LOOKED HARD AND URGENTLY AT THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS AND, ALTHOUGH THEY INCLUDE ELEMENTS WHICH AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED ARE VERY DIFFICULT FOR BRITAIN TO ACCEPT, YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO HAND OVER THE TEXT IN MIFT, WHICH CONSTITUTES A VERSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS WHICH BRITAIN WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AS A BASIS FOR PROCEEDING.
3. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT, IF LATER TODAY IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THIS TEXT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINA, WE MAY FEEL OBLIGED BY THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION TO DISCLOSE THE LINES OF THE PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE TO WORLD OPINION THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
4. YOU MAY SAY THAT HMG HAVE NOTED THE IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL AND INDEED ARE REPLYING TO HIM. BUT THE PERUVIAN PROPOSALS ARE NOT ONLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S IDEAS BUT ALSO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CLARITY AND PRECISION IN AN IMAGINATIVE AND POSITIVE WAY.
5. YOU SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT ANY ABANDONMENT OF THE PERUVIAN PLAN WOULD IN OUR VIEW BE A RETROGRADE STEP INEVITABLY MAKING PROLONGED HOSTILITIES MORE LIKELY. WE HOPE THAT PRESIDENT BELAUNDE WILL DO HIS BEST TO OBTAIN ARGENTINE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS, AS HE HAS OBTAINED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE US AND BRITAIN. TO DO SO WOULD BE A FEAT OF STATESMANSHIP WHICH WOULD LEAVE NOT ONLY

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THOSE CONCERNED DIRECTLY IN THE CRISIS BUT ALSO THE WORLD COMMUNITY
THE CAUSE OF PEACE GREATLY IN HIS DEBT.

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