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TELEGRAM NUMBER 666 OF 6 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, PARIS MADRID DUBLIN KAMPALA MOSCOW WARSAW ACCRA KINSHASA AMMAN TOKYO PANAMA CITY GEORGETOWN AND PEKING.

MY TEL NO'S 658 AND 663 (NOT TO ALL); FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL. (238) (248)

1. TODAY'S INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE COUNCIL WENT AS PLANNED. I HAD SPOKEN BEFOREHAND TO A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING JORDAN, PANAMA AND SPAIN, AND TOLD THEM THAT IF THEY WANTED AN ALL-NIGHT SITTING THE WAY TO GET IT WAS TO PROPOSE A FURTHER PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT INCLUDING THE WORD RESTRAINT.
2. THE SECRETARY GENERAL (WHO HAD TAKEN CARE OF DORR BEFORE THE MEETING) OPENED WITH A VERY BRIEF REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT I HAD GIVEN HIM A POSITIVE REACTION AND COMMENTS ON HIS IDEAS; HE HAD IMMEDIATELY INFORMED ROCA (ARGENTINA) AND ASKED HIM TO LET HIM HAVE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; ROCA HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO THIS; PEREZ DE CUELLAR WOULD KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED AS HIS CONVERSATIONS DEVELOPED.
3. DORR (IRELAND) SAID THAT THE IRISH REQUEST FOR A MEETING REMAINED ON THE TABLE. BUT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE DISADVANTAGES OF A PUBLIC MEETING, WHICH THE COUNCIL SHOULD ONLY TURN TO IN THE LAST RESORT. IT WAS A PITY THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES YESTERDAY BUT PERHAPS THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WOULD HELP. IRELAND SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD GIVE EVERY LATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND MEET AGAIN INFORMALLY IN A FEW DAYS, AS THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL FELT DESIRABLE. AFTER BRIEF STATEMENTS BY JORDAN AND PANAMA (THE LATTER SUGGESTING THAT AT SOME STAGE THE COUNCIL MIGHT NEED TO MEET FORMALLY TO GIVE THE SECRETARY GENERAL A MANDATE), THE PRESIDENT SUMMED UP THAT ALL WERE GRATEFUL TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HOPED HIS EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE; THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE TIME BEING FOR A FORMAL MEETING; BUT THE COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AND WHEN NECESSARY EITHER CONSULT INFORMALLY OR HOLD A FORMAL MEETING, PERHAPS IN ORDER TO GIVE THE SECRETARY GENERAL A NECESSARY MANDATE.
4. DORR'S INCORRIGIBLE LOVE OF HIS OWN VOICE NEARLY UNDOED THIS SATISFACTORY RESULT. HE RAISED A QUIBBLE ABOUT WHETHER THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMING UP CONVEYED ENOUGH ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS; NUSEIBEN (JORDAN) THOUGHT THAT DORR WAS PROPOSING A FURTHER PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AND HIMSELF PROPOSED LANGUAGE; WE WERE ON THE BRINK OF ANOTHER MARATHON DRAFTING SESSION. I INTERVENED FIRMLY TO SAY THAT I WAS SURE THAT THE COUNCIL HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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WOULD KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THE PRESS. THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.
5. UNLESS THERE ARE MAJOR MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS, I AM REASONABLY
HOPEFUL THAT THIS MEETING WILL GET US THROUGH THE WEEKEND. BUT THE
COUNCIL WILL EXPECT A FURTHER AND MORE SUBSTANTIAL REPORT FROM THE
SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.

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