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FALKLAND ISLANDS: INTERIM AGREEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING CONFIRMS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AGREED AT CHEQUERS ON 16 MAY.
2. YOU SHOULD GIVE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DRAFT INTERIM AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN MIFT. YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THAT IT REPRESENTS THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO HMG. THERE CAN BE NO (NO) AMENDMENTS TO IT. YOU SHOULD FORMALLY ASK THE SYG TO PASS IT TO THE ARGENTINIANS AS THE FINAL BRITISH POSITION.
3. YOU SHOULD ALSO GIVE THE SYG THE LETTER IN MY SECOND IFT CONFIRMING THAT THE DEPENDENCIES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE AGREEMENT.
4. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SYG THAT ALTHOUGH THE RIGHT COURSE WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR THE ARGENTINES TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION 502, WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH FOR MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS THROUGH VARIOUS INTERMEDIARIES. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S LATEST EFFORTS BUT WE CANNOT ALLOW MATTERS TO DRAG ON MUCH LONGER. MIDDAY NEW YORK TIME ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY IS THEREFORE AN ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR THE ARGENTINES' REPLY. IF NOT RECEIVED BY THEN, WE SHALL HAVE TO ASSUME REJECTION.

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5. YOU WILL KNOW FROM THE DISCUSSION WHAT POINTS TO MAKE IF QUESTIONED ON VARIOUS ARTICLES. ON ARTICLE 6(4) HOWEVER YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE LOOK TO THE SYG TO DEVISE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR ENSURING THE NON-REINTRODUCTION OF ARMED FORCES INTO THE ISLANDS. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IF WE ARE TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 4. IT PRESUPPOSES A CREDIBLE PRESENCE IN THE ISLANDS OF SAY 150-200 MEN (ABOUT ONE COMPANY) TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MUST CONTRIBUTE A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION AS WELL AS SOME OF THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR VERIFICATION (AS YOU KNOW I SHALL BE PUTTING THIS TO HAIG IN THE CONTEXT OF A SECURITY GUARANTEE).

6. AS REGARDS A LINE FOR THE PRESS YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS. YOU SHOULD NOT (NOT) BE DRAWN ABOUT THE CONTENT OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, NOR OF COURSE SHOULD YOU HINT AT ANY BRITISH PLAN OR DEADLINE.

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