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YOUR TELNO 435; FALKLAND ISLANDS; STATEMENT

1. THIS TELEGRAM CONFIRMS MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AT 2122Z WITH COLES (NUMBER 10).
2. WHEN I PROPOSED TO THE PUS EARLIER TODAY THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER ISSUING A STATEMENT ON THESE LINES I HAD IT IN MIND THAT THIS WOULD BE A WAY OF PRESSURISING PEREZ DE CUELLAR INTO ISSUING THE KIND OF STATEMENT WE WANTED. WE KNOW THAT HE IS GOING TO ISSUE A STATEMENT LATER TONIGHT BUT IT WILL PROBABLY NOT STATE AS CLEARLY AS WE WOULD WISH, IF AT ALL, THAT THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND HAS COME TO AN END.
3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I NO LONGER SEE ADVANTAGE IN ISSUING A STATEMENT OF OUR OWN. FOR IT TO EMERGE JUST WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS MEETING INFORMALLY WOULD RISK PROVOKING A MAJOR STORM HERE. WE WOULD PUT OURSELVES ON THE WORST POSSIBLE FOOT IF WE IN LONDON AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL HERE WERE SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT TERMS AT PRECISELY THE SAME TIME.
4. I THEREFORE PUT IT TO COLES THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEFER ANY SUCH STATEMENT UNTIL TOMORROW (20 MAY) AND THAT WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER SPOKE TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR SHE SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT THIS WAS OUR INTENTION.

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