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FALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. I submit a draft reply to Sir A Parsons' telnos 777 and 778 on lines discussed with Mr Giffard following the Secretary of State's meeting earlier this morning.
2. I understand that consideration was given at the Secretary of State's meeting to the possibility of making Sir A Parsons' operative paragraph 2 the sole operative paragraph of our draft resolution. You will see that I have ventured to suggest that operative paragraph 1 should be retained in truncated form. I think it is more natural for the operative part of a draft resolution circulated by us to begin with a reiteration of the demand for Argentine withdrawal and it also makes a logical preface to the reference to withdrawal in operative paragraph 2.
3. While I agree that operative paragraph 3 should be deleted in its entirety, I think that in UN terms we need something in the draft resolution to suggest a continued willingness on our part to seek peaceful solution of the underlying dispute. Hence my consequential amendment to operative paragraph 2, where 'as a first step' is in any case left in the air without operative paragraph 3.

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YOUR TELNOS 777 AND 778: FALKLANDS CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. We agree with your tactics but are concerned that the references to an immediate cessation of hostilities in paragraph 1 of your draft resolution and the call on us to continue to seek diplomatic solution could be taken out of context and used against us as were operative paragraphs 1 and 3 of SCR 502 itself.

2. We should therefore like you to delete the phrase quote and for an immediate cessation of hostilities unquote in operative paragraph 1, drop operative paragraph 3 and, as a consequential amendment, add after quote as a first step unquote in operative paragraph 2 the words quote towards a peaceful solution of