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YOUR TELNO 90 TO ABIDJAN: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. ACTING HEAD OF CHANCERY DELIVERED THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AND A MEMORANDUM TO MORAN, POLITICAL DIVISION, DFA, ON THE AFTERNOON OF 20 MAY. MORAN UNDERTOOK TO PASS THESE URGENTLY TO MR COLLINS (WHO WAS UNAVAILABLE, AS WAS DONLON, SECRETARY TO THE DFA, UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY). HE SAID THE MAIN POINTS IN THE MEMORANDUM HAD JUST BEEN REPORTED BY THE IRISH EMBASSY IN LONDON FOLLOWING BULLARD'S BRIEFING. HE HAD NO COMMENTS OF SUBSTANCE AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT ANY EARLY PUBLIC REACTION BY HIS GOVERNMENT WAS LIKELY.

2. BEFORE TUR ARRIVED, DONLON HAD SEPARATELY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE AMBASSADOR BY TELEPHONE (ON A VISIT TO CORK) TO SAY THAT THE TAOISEACH WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A FURTHER MEETING TO CARRY ON THE DISCUSSION OF 6 MAY (OUR TELNO 135 NOT TO ALL). BECAUSE OF THE DUBLIN WEST BY-ELECTION, THIS MEETING IS NOW UNLIKELY BEFORE 26 MAY. HOWEVER DONLON TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE FIRST POINT THE TAOISEACH WOULD HAVE WISHED TO MAKE IN RELATION TO THE FALKLANDS WAS THAT IRELAND WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO DO NOTHING FURTHER IN NEW YORK WITHOUT CONSULTING THE BRITISH DELEGATION AND DID NOT WISH TO CAUSE US ANY SURPRISES. THIS CONFIRMS, AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, VIEWS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO US BY THE DFA (OUR TEL NO 157).

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