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FOR NEWS DEPARTMENT

FALKLANDS: PRESS

1. AS REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TO NEWS DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS ENQUIRIES ABOUT A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 4 JUNE BY BERNARD NOSSITER THAT PRIVATE TALKS WERE NOW TAKING PLACE IN NEW YORK IN A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO STOP THE WAR!! NOSSITER ALLEGED THAT GENERAL MIRET AND I WERE TALKING TO EACH OTHER THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND THROUGH MRS KIRKPATRICK.

2. WE HAVE SAID ON THE RECORD THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE SUGGESTION THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PRIVATE TALKS OF THE KIND DESCRIBED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. WE HAVE ADDED THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ON 3 JUNE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPOKESMAN GAVE NOSSITER A SIMILAR DENIAL WITH REGARD TO MR PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S INVOLVEMENT, THOUGH THIS IS NOT REFLECTED IN HIS ARTICLE; AND THAT NOSSITER DID NOT APPROACH THIS MISSION BEFORE WRITING THE PIECE.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED NOSSITER ON THE LINE WE HAVE TAKEN. HE SAID, SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVELY, THAT HE NOT ATTACH TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE STORY, AND HAD THEREFORE BURIED IT IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS ARTICLE. HOWEVER, HE KNEW FOR A FACT THAT I HAD TALKED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TO MRS KIRKPATRICK, AND THAT SHE IN TURN WAS KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GENERAL MIRET. WE REPLIED THAT MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH MRS KIRKPATRICK AND SEPARATELY WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL RELATED SPECIFICALLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. THESE WERE THE ONLY NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH I WAS PRESENTLY INVOLVED.

4. NOSSITER IMPLIED THAT HIS STORY STEMMED FROM REMARKS MADE TO HIM BY MRS KIRKPATRICK. IT SEEMS ENTIRELY LIKELY THAT SHE

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OUR HER STAFF HAVE SPOKEN TO HIM IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THE LINE I REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF MY TELNO 927. OTHER UN CORRESPONDENTS CLOSE TO THE US MISSION, INCLUDING BERLIN OF THE WASHINGTON POST, WERE INCLINED ON 3 JUNE TO BUY THE THEORY THAT THE ARGENTINES WERE ONLY LOOKING FOR A FIG LEAF FROM THE COUNCIL TO COVER THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

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