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FOLLOWING FROM BULLARD FOR PUS.

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YOUR TELNOS 334 AND 335 TO PARIS: FALKLAND ISLANDS;
SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. THESE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS ARE BASED ON A RATHER DIFFERENT IMPRESSION OF THIS MORNING'S MINISTERIAL MEETING FROM THE ONE CARRIED AWAY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE PRIME MINISTER. THEIR MAIN CONCERN AT THE MOMENT IS FOR THE BRITISH COMMANDER ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND HIS TROOPS. THEY DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK OR ELSEWHERE WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO DOUBTS ABOUT THE FIRMNESS OF THE BRITISH PURPOSE, OPEN THE WAY TO FURTHER DIPLOMATIC MOVES BY ARGENTINA AND HER SUPPORTERS, MUDDY THE WATERS GENERALLY OR EXPOSE BRITAIN TO A SUBSEQUENT CHARGE OF BAD FAITH. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEARS THAT THESE RISKS WOULD INEVITABLY BE INVOLVED IF SIR A PARSONS WERE TO BEGIN TO FLOAT WORDING ON THE LINES OF YOUR TELNO 335, NOTWITHSTANDING THE SKILL AND CARE WITH WHICH IT HAS BEEN DRAFTED. OUR STANCE SHOULD BE THE ONE TAKEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HER TV INTERVIEWS ON 2 JUNE AND REPEATED TODAY AT HER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN: THAT IF GALTIERI WANTS TO AVERT THE BATTLE FOR PORT STANLEY HE KNOWS HOW TO DO SO.

2. AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, THEREFORE, AND UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGES IN SOME IMPORTANT WAY, SIR A PARSONS SHOULD CONFINE HIMSELF TO MAKING SUITABLE TACTICAL USE OF THE THINKING IMPLICIT IN YOUR TWO T.U.R.S AND IN HIS OWN TELNOS 926 AND 927, AND OF SUCH OTHER ARGUMENTS AS MAY OCCUR TO HIM. YOU ARE RIGHT TO SAY THAT IT WOULD SUIT US WELL IF THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD BE BROUGHT TO A CLEAR CUT CONCLUSION SOON.

3. IF IT COMES TO A VOTE ON THE PANAMANIAN/SPANISH DRAFT IN THE VERSION CONTAINED IN UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 926, SIR A PARSONS SHOULD VOTE AGAINST. IF FURTHER AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED HE SHOULD REFER TO YOU AND TO THE DELEGATION HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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4. WE AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON THE IRISH DRAFT.

5. HAIG TOLD THE SECRETARY OF STATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT
MRS KIRKPATRICK'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO VOTE WITH SIR A PARSONS.
WE HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE FRENCH SHORTLY AND WILL DO ALL
WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT DE NANTEUIL IS SIMILARLY INSTRUCTED.

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