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MY TELNO 113 OF 6 APRIL: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. YESTERDAYS QUOTE BULLETIN TODAY UNQUOTE REPORTED THAT PHILIPPINE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE FALKLAND ISLAND DISPUTE:

BEGINS. FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS P ROMULO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE FALKLAND ISLAND DISPUTE. QUOTE THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THE DISTURBING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISPUTE OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND HOPES THAT ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRIES WITH WHOM THE PHILIPPINES MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS, WILL AVOID THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE IN SETTLING THEIR DISPUTE AND SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION FULLY RESPECTING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN AN OFFICIAL COPY OF THE STATEMENT BUT DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA, HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT TEXT IN BULLETIN IS COMPLETE. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT STATEMENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO SECURITY COUNCIL CONDEMNATION OF ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HE CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS IMPLICIT IN THE WORDING WHICH INDEED DREW ON THE WORDING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

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