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YOUR TELNO 266: FALKLANDS AT THE UN

1. I WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. HAVING SEEN YOUR TELNO 747 TO WASHINGTON, I AGREE ENTIRELY WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR TELEGRAM TO ME UNDER REFERENCE.

2. I HAVE TWO POINTS TO MAKE AT THIS STAGE. FIRST, IF I GO INTO ACTION HERE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE SHOULD CONDUCT SIMULTANEOUS LOBBYING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN ALL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER STATES' CAPITALS. LOBBYING IN MOSCOW, PEKING AND WARSAW (ALTHOUGH THE LAST NAMED IS THE LEAST IMPORTANT) WOULD BE PARTLY FOR FORM'S SAKE AND PARTLY TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOVIET UNION OR THE CHINESE TO PROCRASTINATE IN THE COUNCIL. LOBBYING IN PARIS, WASHINGTON AND GUYANA WOULD BE TO GAIN MAXIMUM POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM THOSE GOVERNMENTS. LOBBYING IN DUBLIN, TOKYO, KAMPALA AND KINSHASA WOULD BE MAINLY DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN WHY WE COULD NOT AFFORD THE TIME TO CONSULT BEFORE TAKING ACTION IN THE COUNCIL, AND TO CONVINCED THEM THAT TO TRY TO CLEAR THE PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE WITH THE ARGENTINES WOULD ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER DELAY AND DANGEROUS DRIFT. THE FRENCH COULD LOOK AFTER TOGO AND THEIR SUPPORT IN KINSHASA WOULD BE VALUABLE. IT WOULD BE AS WELL TO MAKE SURE WITH KING HUSSEIN THAT JORDAN WAS STILL ON BOARD. LOBBYING IN MADRID WOULD HELP TO ENSURE THAT DE PINIES DID NOT DEPLOY HIS WRECKING SKILLS, AND REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF PANAMA MIGHT PREVENT ILLUECA (NOT NOW IN NEW YORK SO FAR AS I KNOW) FROM RENEWING HIS ATTEMPTS TO THROW SPANNERS INTO THE WORKS.

3. SECONDLY, IN ORDER TO ALLOW LOBBYING IN CAPITALS TO TAKE PLACE WITH MAXIMUM EFFECT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO ACT BEFORE MONDAY. HENCE, IF HAIG HAS ALREADY FAILED, WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE AMERICANS NOT TO REVEAL THIS IMMEDIATELY AND TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION FOR ANOTHER THIRTY-SIX HOURS THAT HIS MISSION IS STILL ALIVE. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, I SHALL HAVE TO GO AHEAD OVER THE WEEKEND AND DO THE BEST

BE DONE, I SHALL HAVE TO GO AHEAD OVER THE WEEKEND AND DO THE BEST
I CAN (IN ORDER TO PRE-EMPT ANYONE ELSE). BUT THIS COULD BE UNPOPULAR
WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A ROUGH RIDE ON A NUMBER OF
SUBJECTS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, QUITE APART FROM THE LOSS OF
IMPACT OF LOBBYING IN CAPITALS.

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