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MY TELNO 612: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. COSTA MRU

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1. COSTA MENDEZ SAID ^{NOCH} LVA THE SAME THING TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHOM HE SAW AT 1530Z. WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED THE GIST OF HIS SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE BY TELEPHONE TO WESTBROOK. IT IS BEING ANNOUNCED THAT COSTA MENDEZ WILL RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES THIS EVENING (THOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY CHANGE HIS MIND WHEN HE LEARNS OF YOUR IMPENDING VISIT). THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF ANYONE CALLING THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR CAME UNDER VERY STRONG PRESSURE FROM HIS STAFF TO MAKE A STATEMENT IMMEDIATE AFTER HE HAD SEEN COSTA MENDEZ. HE RESISTED THIS ON THE GROUND THAT HE HAD NOT SPOKEN TO ME. HE HAS SUMMONED ME AT 1900Z THIS AFTERNOON.

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TO ME. HE HAS SUMMONED ME AT 1900Z THIS AFTERNOON.

3. I HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH URQUHART THROUGHOUT THE MORNING. HE SAID THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO WITHOUT A MANDATE FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXCEPT TO OFFER HIS GOOD OFFICES, IF THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. EVEN THIS, IN URQUHART'S AND MY VIEW, MIGHT LEAD TO THE SOVIET UNION CHALLENGING THE PROPRIETY OF WHAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS DOING WITHOUT SECURITY COUNCIL AUTHORISATION.

4. I HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE RUMOUR THAT EITHER PEREZ DE CUELLAR (AS HAIG, I UNDERSTAND, TOLD YOU) OR THE ARGENTINIANS/CUBANS/RUSSIANS (AS HE TOLD SIR N HENDERSON) HAVE BEEN THINKING OF APPOINTING SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN AS A MEDIATOR. THE US MISSION HERE KNOW NOTHING OF THIS AND THE ARGENTINIANS/CUBANS/RUSSIANS RUMOUR MUST BE NONSENSE. IT WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET IN ORDER TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL AS A MEDIATOR. ALL THE COUNCIL COULD DO WOULD BE TO CALL UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

5. HOWEVER WHEN I TOLD URQUHART OF THE RUMOUR, HE SAID THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD TOLD HIM THIS MORNING THAT, IF HE BECAME INVOLVED IN ANY GOOD OFFICES OR OTHER EXERCISE, HE WOULD NOT WISH TO DO IT HIMSELF BECAUSE OF HIS NATIONALITY. HE WOULD APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND HE HAD SADRUDDIN IN MIND. URQUHART DID NOT THINK THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD TOLD ANYONE ELSE.

6. I DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHOULD GET TOO APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE ABOVE. APPOINTMENT OF A MEDIATOR WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES, AND PROBABLY A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. PEREZ DE CUELLAR WOULD CERTAINLY NOT SPRING ANYTHING LIKE THIS ON US AS A PUBLIC BOMBSHELL. IF HE OR ANYONE ELSE WERE TO START THIS BALL ROLLING, IT WOULD PRESENT US WITH THE KIND OF SCENARIO I HAVE BEEN DESCRIBING FOR WEEKS (E.G. IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY TELNO 606).

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