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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

REPEATED INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 4 OF 30 APRIL

FALKLANDS: UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 5.30 PM (302030Z) AND HANDED TO ME COPIES IN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE OF AN URGENT MESSAGE WHICH HE HAD JUST SENT TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN NEW YORK (TEXT IN MIFT).

2. GUERREIRO EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE, WHICH PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED, WAS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE, NOW THAT THE HAIG MEDIATION WAS EFFECTIVELY AT AN END. GUERREIRO SAID THAT HE HAD CONTEMPLATED ADDRESSING A SUITABLY PHRASED MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS THE ORGAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RESOLUTION NO 502. BUT HE HAD OPTED IN FAVOUR OF SENDING ONE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL (WHO I GATHER HAD COLLECTED MESSAGES OF

RESOLUTION NO 502. BUT HE HAD OPTED IN FAVOUR OF SENDING ONE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL (WHO I GATHER HAD SOLICITED MESSAGES OF THIS KIND), ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS BEST PLACED TO DECIDE HOW TO PLAY THE UN HAND AND THAT IT MIGHT ANYWAY BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE TWO PARTIES BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS CONVENED.

3. I ASKED THE MINISTER WHETHER HE HAD ANY CLEAR IDEA AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE THE MOST SATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING DEADLOCK. HE SAID THAT, AS HE HAD TOLD ME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, BRAZIL WOULD BE READY TO PUT FORWARD EVEN THE MOST CRACKPOT IDEAS IF THEY SEEMED TO OFFER ANY WAY OUT. ONE SUCH IDEA, WHICH WAS NOT HIS OWN, WAS THAT BOTH PARTIES SHOULD RENOUNCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY IN FAVOUR OF SOME KIND OF UN BODY SPECIALLY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE. THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY OF REPEATING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR OWN POSITION AND EMPHASISING THAT THE MINDS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE NOT CLOSED TO ANY SOLUTION SO LONG AS (A) IT WAS SEEN NOT TO REWARD THE ARGENTINE AGGRESSION: (B) IT WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ISLANDERS' OWN WISHES: AND (C) IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

4. IN PASSING, I ASKED GUERREIRO HOW HE VIEWED MR HAIG'S STRONG STATEMENT TODAY IN FAVOUR OF THE BRITISH POSITION. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE UNITED STATES IN SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH WERE MOST EMOTIONALLY COMMITTED TO THE ARGENTINE SIDE. BUT HE IMPLIED THAT, THOUGH IT WOULD NOT EXACTLY HELP, IT WOULD CAUSE NO DIFFICULTY IN BRAZIL'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

COMMENT

5. THIS MESSAGE, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE WIDE PUBLICITY HERE, SEEMS TO BE A CAUTIOUS, IF MISGUIDED, EFFORT BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO BE SEEN TO BE MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF A SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CRISIS, WITHOUT ACTUALLY STICKING THEIR NECKS OUT. I WOULD GUESS THAT THE MESSAGE OWES MORE TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO THAN TO GUERREIRO, WHO TOLD ME ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE THOUGHT RECOURSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD OFFER LITTLE PROSPECT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A SOLUTION IN THE SHORT TERM. THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD ACCORD BOTH WITH THE INDICATIONS FIGUEIREDO GAVE TO THE AMERICAN DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE EARLIER THIS WEEK (MY UNNUMBERED TEL DATED 272045Z PARAGRAPH 4, REFERS) AND WITH HIS PUBLIC REMARKS TO JOURNALISTS DURING A VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE ON 28 APRIL, WHEN HE CAREFULLY PROFESSED EQUALLY FRIENDLY FEELINGS FOR BOTH THE ARGENTINE AND BRITISH PEOPLES AND EXPRESSED THE PIOUS HOPE THAT THE LATTER WOULD USE THEIR WELL-KNOWN GOOD SENSE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT CRISIS - IMPLYING THAT THE ARGENTINES COULD HARDLY

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6. I DO NOT THINK THAT THE MESSAGE CALLS FOR ANY DIRECT COMMENT
FROM US AT THIS STAGE. BUT I GAINED A CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT
GUERREIRO WOULD LIKE TO KEEP A BILATERAL DIALOGUE GOING WITH US
ON THIS QUESTION, AS I BELIEVE HE DOES WITH THE ARGENTINES.
INDEED, I THINK HE SHARES PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO'S VIEW THAT WE ARE
MORE LIKELY TO COME UP WITH A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THE
SOVEREIGNTY CONUNDRUM THAN ARE OUR OPPONENTS. GIVEN THE FACT
THAT HE SAW A GOOD DEAL OF THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS
WEEK'S OAS MEETING, YOU MAY THINK THE TIME IS RIPE FOR YOU
YOURSELF TO SEND HIM A MESSAGE OUTLINING YOUR VIEWS. EVEN IF
THIS DOES NO MORE THAN REPEAT WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IN PARLIAMENT,
I THINK THAT THE EFFECT OF THE GESTURE BOTH ON GUERREIRO AND ON
FIGUEIREDO WOULD BE POSITIVE. IT MAY HELP WHEN WE NEED THEIR
SUPPORT, AS WE SURELY WILL EVENTUALLY.

7. SEE MIFT.

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MIPT: FALKLANDS: UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE TO THE BRAZILIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK AT 302000Z.

BEGINS. GIVEN THE CONTINUING WORSENING OF THE CRISIS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THAT THE TOUBREAK OF AN ARMED CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IS IMMINENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE TO IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE THE MECHANISMS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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AND SECURITY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TO TAKE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE OF A
PREVENTIVE NATURE, TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 (1982), IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, RAMIRAO SARAIVA GUERREIRO,
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC
OF BRAZIL. ENDS.

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