



cc:- PRIME MINISTER

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From the Private Secretary

7 May, 1982

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Prime Minister

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Mexico City telegram number 366 of 6 May reports the suggestion by the President of Mexico, following his telephone conversation with Galtieri, that the latter should have a face to face meeting with the Prime Minister in Cancun to discuss ways of resolving the Falklands problem.

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Mr Edward Du Cann MP, rang me today to say that he had just received a message from Mr Rossell de la Lama who, you will recall, called on the Prime Minister with Mr Du Cann recently. Mr de la Lama stated that President Lopez Portillo had just spoken to Galtieri. The latter had said that in no circumstances would he agree to peace proposals put forward by the United States or associated with the United States. However, the recent Peruvian proposals had been broadly acceptable in principle. He was willing to begin a dialogue through the good offices of Mexico.

I told Mr Du Cann that we had received a similar but not identical message and that he could tell Mr de la Lama that we were grateful to him for passing on this latest version.

You will doubtless be considering what reply should be sent to the Mexicans. I suggest that any reply that is sent is transmitted through our Embassy in Mexico City but I should like to be able to tell Mr Du Cann at about the same time what kind of reply we are sending.

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TO F L A S H FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 366 OF 6 MAY

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MY TELSNOs 337 AND 338: FALKLANDS

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO RANG ME THIS EVENING . HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI ABOUT THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE. GALTIERI WOULD BE READY TO HAVE A FACE TO FACE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN CANCUN TO DISCUSS WAYS OF RESOLVING THE CRISIS. THE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMPLETE SECRECY AND AS SOON AS THE PARTIES SO WISHED.
2. LOPEZ PORTILLO ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY. HE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HELP AND SAID HE WOULD BE AT MY DISPOSAL AT ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE.

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