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MY TELNO 366: FALKLANDS

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S SUGGESTION FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND GENERAL GALTIERI AT CANCUN IS ALREADY KNOWN TO GOVERNOR ROSSELL DE LA LAMA, AND FOLLOWS FROM HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON 26 APRIL (YOUR TELNO 338).

2. ROSSELL DE LA LAMA RANG ME THIS MORNING. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ROWLAND, AND ASKED ME URGENTLY TO SPEAK TO ROWLAND IN LONDON. WHEN I DID SO ROWLAND HAD LITTLE MORE TO SAY THAN THAT AS THE PERUVIAN INITIATIVE HAD COLLAPSED THE NEED FOR SOME OTHER INTERVENTION WAS VERY GREAT: HE HAD HEARD FROM ROSSELL DE LA LAMA THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO NOW WANTED TO PUT HIS FULL WEIGHT BEHIND THE IDEA OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND GENERAL GALTIERI, THE MORE SO AS GENERAL GALTIERI HAD SATIS-

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FIED THE PRIME MINISTER'S "CONDITIONS" FOR SUCH A MEETING. WHAT WAS HAPPENING? I TOLD ROWLAND NOT TO WORRY. I WAS IN REGULAR  
AND DIRECT TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO, WHO HAD SPOKEN  
TO ME YESTERDAY. YOU WERE FULLY INFORMED.

3. THE PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ME LAST NIGHT  
WAS NECESSARILY BRIEF, AND I DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXPLORE THE BACKGROUND. I WILL DO SO WHEN, AS I HOPE, I SEE HIM  
TO DELIVER YOUR RESPONSE.

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