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YOUR TEL NO 366: FALKLANDS: TRUSTEESHIP.

1. FRANKLY, I REGARD TRUSTEESHIP MORE AS A PLOY TO BE USED AS NECESSARY AS A MEANS OF SECURING DIPLOMATIC ADVANTAGE OVER THE ARGENTINES OR PERHAPS AS A WAY OF OPENING UP A FRESH OPTION IF WE LOOK AS THOUGH WE ARE HEADING TOWARDS SOMETHING TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.
2. OBVIOUSLY ARTICLE 76(B) OF THE CHARTER WOULD BE VERY DISAGREEABLE TO ARGENTINA, IE QUOTE TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE INHABITANTS AND THEIR PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE UNQUOTE ETC. BUT THEY WOULD REALISE THAT A CLASSICAL APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER SUCH AS TRUSTEESHIP WOULD HAVE GREAT ATTRACTIONS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF UN MEMBERS. WE COULD FOX THEM IN DEBATE BY DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT TRUSTEESHIP DID NOT INEVITABLY LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE, QUOTING THE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOGOLAND (WHICH UNITED WITH THE GOLD COAST/ GHANA) AND BRITISH CAMEROONS (WHICH UNITED WITH NIGERIA AND CAMEROUN RESPECTIVELY). THIS WOULD PUT THE ARGENTINES IN SOME

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3. I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT SEE THIS PLOY AS BEING USABLE IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO MAKE OR BREAK OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS. BUT WE MIGHT BEAR IT IN MIND FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IF WE EVER GET THAT FAR. IF THINGS LOOK AS THOUGH THEY ARE RUNNING AGAINST US IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT MIGHT BE A USEFUL DIVERSIONARY TACTIC.

4. FOR THE MOMENT, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD KEEP IT IN MIND BUT SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT IT IN PUBLIC.

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