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FALKLANDS SELECTIVE ADVANCES (38)

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FOR NEWS DEPT.

FALKLANDS: PRESS LINE.

1. I MADE ONLY BRIEF REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON MY WAY TO AND FROM MY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TODAY. I HAVE TURNED DOWN ALL NEW REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS, BUT MET A LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO THAMES TELEVISION FOR TV EYE (WHICH YOU WILL HAVE SEEN).

2. IN REPLY TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, WE HAVE ADDED LITTLE TO THE LINE REPORTED IN MY TEL NO 736. WE HAVE SAID THAT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, A WIDE GAP REMAINS TO BE BRIDGED ON A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN CONVERGENCE ON ONE IMPORTANT POINT, AND MUCH ARGENTINE TALK IN PUBLIC ABOUT FLEXIBILITY AND THE DROPPING OF PRECONDITIONS, ARGENTINA IS STILL ADHERING TO VERY HARD POSITIONS IN OTHER AREAS. WE ARE REFUSING TO BE DRAWN ON

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3. THE ARGENTINE MISSION HAVE TOLD AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT THAT THEY ARE PRESSING FOR SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. WE ARE THEREFORE NOT DENYING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE DEPENDENCIES IS A FACTOR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ARE REMINDING CORRESPONDENTS OF THEIR DISTINCT HISTORICAL, LEGAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL STATUS.

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