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YOUR TELNO 427: INDIA AND THE FALKLANDS

1. FOLLOWING REPORTS IN THE INDIAN PRESS ON 11 MAY OF RAO'S STATEMENT IN KERALA SAMUEL CALLED ON DAULAT SINGH, HEAD OF THE WEST EUROPE DIVISION IN THE MEA ON 12 MAY TO SEEK A CLARIFICATION. SINGH SAID THE REPORTS NO DOUBT DISTORTED WHAT RAO HAD SAID AND THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE FROM THE GOI'S POSITION OF 3 APRIL

2. I HAVE NOW ACTED ON TUR WITH RASGOTRA (RAO IS OUT OF DELHI). HE HAD NOT SEEN THE TIMES REPORT, BUT SAID THAT HEADLINES IN THE INDIAN PRESS THAT INDIA SUPPORTED ARGENTINA WERE MISLEADING. HE

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3. I AM SATISFIED BY RASGOTRA'S ASSURANCE AND SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT LOBBYING BY THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR OR CASTRO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MOVING THE INDIAN POSITION.

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