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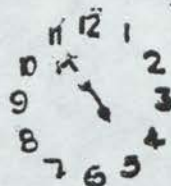
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FALKLANDS: STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS

1. REUTERS ARE REPORTING THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HOPES TO HAVE FINAL ANSWERS FROM BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA TO HIS FALKLANDS PEACE PROPOSALS WITHIN 36 HOURS. THIS IS NOT A STRICTLY ACCURATE REPORT.

2. AS HE ENTERED THE UN BUILDING THIS MORNING, PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS THAT:

(A) THE NEXT DAYS WILL BE VERY DECISIVE:

(B) HE HAD NEVER HAD IN MIND ENDLESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PARTIES, BUT HOPED TO REACH A DEFINITIVE POINT TODAY OR TOMORROW:

(C) THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES WERE CLOSER THAN WHEN HE STARTED:

(D) (WERE THEY CLOSE ENOUGH FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS PLAN?) THERE WERE STILL DIFFICULTIES, BUT HE HOPED TO IRON THEM OUT:

(E) THERE WAS ALWAYS THE RISK OF A BREAKDOWN, BUT ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH.

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