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TELEGRAM NUMBER 475 OF 27 MAY

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

YOUR TELNO 866 AND PARA 4 OF WASHINGTON TELNO 1915

FALKLANDS: SECRETARY GENERAL'S NEW MANDATE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM ME TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S QUESTION IN PARA 3 OF YOUR TUR OR IF YOU PREFER, SPEAK FROM IT. YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE SYG THAT IT IS AS MUCH IN OUR OWN INTEREST AS IN HAIG'S TO SPIN OUT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESENT EFFORTS.

BEGINS:

I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE UNDERTAKING RENEWED EFFORTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT CRISIS. YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN YOUR EFFORTS.

AS YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, SEVERAL MAJOR ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PEACEFUL END TO THE CRISIS. THE UK ACCEPTED THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, WHICH REMAINS THE BASIS OF BRITISH POLICY, AND HAS PARTICIPATED CONSTRUCTIVELY AND ACTIVELY IN THE EFFORTS FOR A SETTLEMENT. ARGENTINA, BY CONTRAST, HAS REFUSED TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 502 AND HAS TURNED DOWN SUCCESSIVE PROPOSALS BY THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, THE PRESIDENT OF PERU IN CONSULTATION WITH THE US AND THEN BY YOURSELF AFTER YOUR COURAGEOUS FIRST ATTEMPT TO END THE CRISIS.

YOU HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR A CEASEFIRE. IN OUR VIEW, A CEASEFIRE WHICH WAS NOT LINKED INSEPARABLY TO ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL WOULD GIVE ARGENTINA ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR PROCRASTINATION THROUGH INTRANSIGENCE. THE BRITISH ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THEREFORE THAT A CEASEFIRE IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND WOULD BE

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ACCEPTABLE IF IT WAS INSEPARABLY LINKED TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND THE COMPLETION OF THAT WITHDRAWAL WITHIN A FIXED PERIOD.

ONE REASON FOR THIS BRITISH VIEW IS ARGENTINA'S RECORD OF DELIBERATE DELAY AND INFLEXIBILITY IN NEGOTIATIONS. A CHANGE OF POSITION BY ARGENTINA INVOLVING WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 502 COULD TRANSFORM THE SITUATION. IT WOULD BE MOST ENCOURAGING IF, IN YOUR RESUMED EFFORTS FOR PEACE UNDER THE MANDATE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 505, YOU COULD OBTAIN FROM ARGENTINA CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF SUCH A CHANGE. ARGENTINA'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION YESTERDAY MAY NOT DO THIS, IN WHICH CASE I HOPE WOULD GO BACK TO THEM ON THE POINT.

IF YOU DECIDED TO VISIT BUENOS AIRES OR SEND AN EMISSARY THERE, A VISIT TO LONDON, PERHAPS IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. I SHOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME IDEAS ABOUT THE FUTURE IN THE LONG TERM.

THE UNITED KINGDOM'S POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IS BASED ON OUR DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 73 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. THAT OF COURSE REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SECURITY OF THE ISLANDS, SO THAT THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AND THEIR WELL BEING CAN BE SAFEGUARDED. GIVEN ARGENTINA'S INVASION, THE FUTURE SECURITY OF THE ISLANDS CAN BE ENSURED ONLY BY A CONTINUED BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE OR PERHAPS BY NEW INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. IN THE VIEW OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES. IF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE DEvised, THE QUESTION OF BRITISH MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ISLANDS COULD BE SEEN IN A NEW LIGHT.

ENDS.

2. WASHINGTON: PLEASE DELIVER A COPY OF THE ABOVE TO HAIG.

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