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TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK
TELEGRAM NUMBER 520 OF 9 JUNE
REPEATED FOR INFO: IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, BONN (FOR PS/10 AND PS)
YOUR TELEGRAM NO.968 : FALKLANDS : SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE
OF 5 JUNE

1. FOLLOWING IS AGREED PRESS LINE:-
BEGINS

'I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 5 JUNE CONVEYING SOME REVISED SUGGESTIONS FOR A CEASEFIRE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS NOT PUBLISHED THE DETAILS AND IT IS NOT FOR US TO DO SO.

THE FOLLOWING DAY WE RESPONDED THANKING HIM FOR HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS. HIS SUGGESTIONS COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE REASONS EXPLAINED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON 8 JUNE: THEY DID NOT PROVIDE UNEQUIVOCALLY FOR IMMEDIATE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCR 502 WHICH IS THE ONLY BASIS FOR A CEASEFIRE.

THE PROPOSALS WERE REJECTED BY THE ARGENTINES.

THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE HOUSE REPEATED HER OFFER TO FACILITATE THE WITHDRAWAL WITH SAFETY, DIGNITY AND DESPATCH.'

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