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FM COLOMBO 150615Z JUN 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 148 OF 15 JUNE
INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR TELNO 171 TO DACCA

NON-ALIGNED STATEMENT ON FALKLANDS

1. ON MONDAY 14 JUNE, PRESIDENT ASKED TO SEE ME AT HIS HOME IN THE EVENING. FERNANDO AND JAYASINGHE, SECRETARY MFA, WERE PRESENT. PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE HAD READ MY LETTER AND WELL UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN. THE NAM WORKED BY CONSENSUS AND WITH CUBA IN THE CHAIR IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR COUNTRIES LIKE SRI LANKA TO PREVENT THE ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND. FERNANDO SAID SRI LANKA WAS NOT ON THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH WAS DOMINATED BY CUBA AND LATIN AMERICANS. I WAS REMINDED OF SRI LANKA'S EFFORTS AT TIME OF EARLIER NAM COMMUNIQUE. PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE PRIME MINISTER HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE OF SRI LANKA'S SUPPORT FOR BRITAIN OVER FALKLANDS SEMI-COLON HE TOLD ACTING MINISTER THAT SRI LANKA MUST RECOGNISE WHO ITS FRIENDS WERE IN THE WORLD. BRITAIN WAS A QUOTE TRIED AND TRUSTED FRIEND UNQUOTE AND ARGENTINA DID NOTHING FOR SRI LANKA. PRESIDENT WAS THEN SHOWN TEXT OF RESERVATION WHICH WAS COUCHED IN CUSTOMARY BRIEF TERMS. AFTER DISCUSSION HE STRENGTHENED IT BY INCLUDING THAT SRI LANKA DISAGREED WITH PARA-

GRAPH 82 (IE THE SECTION RELATING TO THE FALKLANDS) AND
ACCORDINGLY ENTERED A RESERVATION.

2. I THEN SPOKE IN TERMS OF YOUR TELNO 177 TO DACCA. PRESIDENT
INSTRUCTED ACTING MINISTER TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO
ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.

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