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TO IMMEDIATE F C O
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SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS

1. LISTRE (ARGENTINA) HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS AND THE ARGENTINE STATION ON SOUTHERN THULE (WHICH HE CALLS MORELL ISLAND). TEXT IN MIFT. THE LETTER IS REMARKABLE FOR NOT ASSERTING ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY. HOWEVER, IT CONTAINS A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE BY HMS ENDURANCE TO WHICH A REPLY SHOULD BE GIVEN. A DRAFT IS IN MY SECOND IFT. MUCH OF IT IS TAKEN FROM THE ICJ APPLICATION OF 1955. ALTHOUGH THE ARGENTINE LETTER DOES NOT ASSERT SOVEREIGNTY, I RECOMMEND THAT WE PUT OUR CASE FIRMLY ON RECORD, AS WELL AS MAKING THE POINT ABOUT SELF-DEFENCE.

2. I SHOULD LIKE TO REPLY AS SOON AS WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE ARGENTINES AT SOUTHERN THULE HAVE SURRENDERED.

PARSONS