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TO IMMEDIATE BERNE  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 135 OF 25 JUNE 1982  
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, BRASILIA  
INFO ROUTINE UKMIS GENEVA

MY TELNOS 119, 121 AND 122: CESSATION OF FALKLANDS HOSTILITIES

1. PLEASE TELL THE SWISS GOVERNMENT THAT WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT ARGENTINE RELUCTANCE TO RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THEY VIEW HOSTILITIES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA TO BE AT AN END, AND THAT WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THEY WOULD GO BACK TO THE ARGENTINES AND SPEAK ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.
2. WHILE WE RECOGNISE THAT, IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF SO MANY GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR THE ARGENTINES TO COORDINATE THE DECLARATION OF AN END TO ACTIVE HOSTILITIES, WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT EVEN IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF A MORE REASONABLE APPROACH. WE HOPE THAT THESE COULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY A STATEMENT OF THE SORT REQUESTED. EVIDENCE OF THIS MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE HAS INCLUDED THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE OVER THE REPATRIATION OF THEIR PRISONERS AND - MORE RECENTLY - THE NEWS THAT THE BRITISH JOURNALISTS ARRESTED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES ARE TO BE RELEASED ON BAIL. WE HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINES MAY ALSO NOW SEE THEIR WAY TO RETURN FLIGHT LIEUTENANT GLOVER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT GLOVER IS INJURED AND THEY HAVE NOW RECEIVED BACK FROM US ALL THEIR OWN WOUNDED PRISONERS.
3. WHILE WE RECOGNISE THAT A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE IS IN EXISTENCE, IT WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR US TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TOWARDS NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS (EG LIFTING THE EXCLUSION ZONE AND OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC MEASURES AS WELL

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AS THE RETURN OF REMAINING PRISONERS) IF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT COULD FORMALLY CONFIRM WHAT NOW APPEARS TO BE THE CASE IN PRACTICE.

4. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SWISS THAT WHILE WE WANT TO RESTORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE NEW ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION - AFTER WHAT HAS PASSED - OF OUR OFFERING TROOP WITHDRAWALS OR FURTHER NEGOTIATION AS A CONDITION FOR ANY SUCH RESPONSE.

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