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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELEGRAM NUMBER 2813 OF 20 SEPTEMBER

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MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRESIDENT ALFONSIN 1. STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED TO US TODAY THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL MEET PRESIDENT ALFONSIN IN NEW YORK ON 23 SEPTEMBER.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY BOTH THE INTER-AMERICAN AND THE EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAUS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT THE BRIEFING MATERIAL PREPARED FOR THE PRESIDENT ON THE FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFLECTS OUR RECENT LOBBYING (IE THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION IF THE ARGENTINES DEPARTED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS). MINISTER WENT OVER THE GROUND WITH BURT ON 20 SEPTEMBER AND LATTER UNDERTOOK TO KEEP A VERY CLOSE EYE ON THIS. SINCE THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT GO INTO ANY DETAIL WITH ALFONSIN ON THIS ISSUE, AND IS NOT BEING BRIEFED TO RAISE IT HIMSELF, WE DOUBT WHETHER FURTHER LOBBYING IS CALLED FOR AHEAD OF THIS MEETING. IT MIGHT BE BEST TO KEEP OUR POWDER DRY.