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TELEGRAM NUMBER 272 OF 25 NOVEMBER 1980  
INFO PRIORITY GOVERNOR PORT STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. AFTER MR RIDLEY'S INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CAVANDOLI ON 21 NOVEMBER, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS. THIS PRESSED FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AS STIPULATED IN THE RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS, REMARKED THAT SO FAR NO POSITIVE STEPS HAD YET BEEN TAKEN BY THE UK TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MR RIDLEY'S VISIT TO THE ISLANDS WAS AIMED TOWARDS DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT IN DEPTH.
2. THE TONE OF THE STATEMENT WAS COURTEOUS BUT FIRM AND CAME AS EXPECTED AFTER MR RIDLEY'S COURTESY CALL. THIS LASTED OVER AN HOUR AND WAS CONSTRUCTIVE (RECORD BY BAG).

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