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TO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 29 OF 8 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

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MIPT: DRAFT MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING IS MY PROPOSED DRAFT MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER.

BEGINS. I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR FROM RICHARD LUCE ABOUT THE PROGRESS WHICH THE ARGENTINE AND BRITISH DELEGATIONS (WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS COUNCILLORS) MADE IN NEW YORK ON 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY TOWARDS SETTING UP NEW PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING FORWARD AND GIVING FRESH IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS. THIS REFLECTED OUR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE, WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. YOU MUST ALSO KNOW OF OUR SUBSEQUENT DISAPPOINTMENT (WHICH RICHARD LUCE HAS MADE CLEAR TO SR ROS) AT THE STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE, AND THE PRESS REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPEARING, IN BUENOS AIRES SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THOSE TALKS.

I THEREFORE THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED FURTHER ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK THAT WE SHOULD CONFIRM OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS' AGREEMENT ON TWO ESSENTIAL POINTS. FIRSTLY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WORK OF THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATING COMMISSION WILL ENCOMPASS ALL ASPECTS OF AND POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO A SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EITHER SIDE'S POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY. THESE TALKS MUST BE GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS AND CANNOT BE BASED ON ANY PRE-DETERMINED ASSUMPTIONS ON WHAT THE OUTCOME MIGHT BE. SECONDLY, THESE NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT BE PURSUED AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF THREATS FROM EITHER SIDE OF RETALIATORY ACTION IF

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THEY BREAK DOWN. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSURANCE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO FURTHER THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS BASIS.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RECENT MEETING IN NEW YORK, AND SO THAT THERE MAY BE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS, I WOULD INTEND, ONCE YOU HAVE REPLIED, TO PUBLISH THIS MESSAGE AND, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, YOUR REPLY. ENDS.

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