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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

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YOUR TELNOS 1490 AND 1491: FALKLANDS/OAS/SECURITY COUNCIL

1. PLEASE NOW PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO MR HAIG. BEGINS: NICKO HENDERSON HAS TOLD ME OF THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE OAS EARLIER THIS MORNING. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, TO HEAD OFF A RESULT WHICH WOULD FURTHER EXACERBATE THE SITUATION AND COMPLICATE YOUR OWN PEACE EFFORTS, WHICH WE CONTINUE TO REGARD AS VITAL. THE DIFFICULTIES OF YOUR POSITION IN THE OAS ARE FULLY APPRECIATED HERE AND WE ARE THEREFORE DOUBLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR FORTHRIGHT INTERVENTION AND YOUR ABSTENTION IN THE VOTE. HOWEVER YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE RESOLUTION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US. WE CANNOT FOREGO OUR UNDOUBTED RIGHTS OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER AS THE RESOLUTION SUGGESTS WE SHOULD.

2. THE OAS RESOLUTION IS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ARGENTINA MAY ADDITIONALLY SEEK AN EARLY DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL AND THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON SIMILAR LINES. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING THE ISSUE OUT OF THE COUNCIL SINCE THE ADOPTION OF SCR 502. THIS HAS IN OUR VIEW BEEN IMPORTANT IN HELPING YOUR EFFORTS AND MAINTAINING MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINES. WE THEREFORE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL STAND FAST ON 502. WE WILL BE WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE THIS, I HOPE WITH YOUR HELP. IF THE COUNCIL NEVERTHELESS MEETS AGAIN, I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON THE UNITED STATES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US, BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN SECURITY COUNCIL CAPITALS, TO HEAD OFF SUPPORT FOR ANY

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THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO USE OUR VETO. WE WOULD OF COURSE LOOK
FOR SUPPORT FROM YOU IN THAT EVENT. ENDS

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