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YOUR TELNO 479 TO UKMIS: UNSSD II: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: No. 10)

1. IN HIS LETTER OF 4 JUNE, CHICK (ACDD) ASKED FOR MY VIEWS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE COMBINED ADVICE OF SIR A PARSONS AND MYSELF.

2. UNLESS THERE ARE UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FALKLANDS OR ELSEWHERE WHICH WE CANNOT AT THIS STAGE FORESEE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD COME AS CLANGED.

THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD COME AS PLANNED. THE FALKLANDS ISSUE HAS BECOME DORMANT AT THE UN. IT WILL BE REFERRED TO IN THE LATINS'S PEECHES IN THE GENERAL DEBATE. BUT PASSIONS HAVE COOLED AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF A MASS LATIN WALK-OUT OR ANY OTHER DISCOURTESY TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- 3. MY TWO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS CONTAIN A DRAFT PROGRAMME AND SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS.
- 4. ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH, AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE WORKING DINNER SHE PLANS FOR 11 JUNE, I WOULD SIMPLY ADD THAT WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE CHANGE OF EMPHASIS WHICH I NOTE FROM THE RECORD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING OF 28 MAY (LETTER WHITMORE/FALL OF 28 MAY). THE TONE OF THE GENERAL DEBATE SO FAR HAS BEEN ALL TOO PREDICTABLE. THE MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS HAVE MADE TRADITIONAL STATEMENTS WITH THE USUAL TEDIOUS EMPHASIS ON THE IMM INENCE OF NUCLEAR WAR WHILE LARGELY IGNORING THE VICIOUS CONFLICTS THAT ARE RAGING IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON, WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE OPENING OF THE SESSION, HAS SO FAR HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON THEIR RHETORIC. ALTHOUGH OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FALKLANDS IS AN INHIBITING FACTOR. SIR A PARSONS AND I HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REMIND THE ASSEMBLY THAT A REAL WORLD EXISTS OUTSIDE ITS WALLS AND THAT IT IS CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS NOT THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT, WHICH HAS CAUSED MILLIONS OF CASUALTIES, ALMOST ALL OF THEM IN THE THIRD WORLD, SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.
- 5. THE PROGRAMME IN MIFT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO BILATERALS. TO DATE WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED ONLY BY BANGLADESH. GENERAL ERSHAD WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR UNSSD II FROM AROUND MID-DAY ON 16 JUNE AND WOULD LIKE A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE TOO WILL BE STAYING AT THE UN PLAZA HOTEL AND I HOPE THE PRIME MINISTER CAN AGREE TO SEE HIM. THE ONLY OTHER BILATERAL WHICH WE WOULD WANT TO SUGGEST AT THIS STAGE WOULD INVOLVE A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AUDU OF NIGERIA. WE HAVE NOT PUT THIS TO THE NIGERIAN MISSION AS YET BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUDU WILL REMAIN IN NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER HE HAS SPOKEN ON 15 JUNE.