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TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 95 OF 4 MAY

INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR TELNOS 144 AND 145: FALKLANDS: PROPOSED MESSAGE TO BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS PROPOSAL CAREFULLY. WE ACCEPT THE NEED TO KEEP THE BRAZILIANS IN PLAY AND TO PREVENT AN INCREASING BRAZILIAN TILT TOWARDS ARGENTINA.

2. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE LITTLE TO SAY TO THE BRAZILIANS AT THIS STATE WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY A PERSONAL MESSAGE. IT WOULD NEED TO REFER TO SR GUERREIRO'S MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHICH, AS YOU SAY, IS WELL-MEANT BUT NOT HELPFUL. ALSO, FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE HAIG NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH A SHARPER FOCUS ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS, IT WOULD BE HARD TO STRIKE A LINE TO WHICH THE BRAZILIANS COULD RESPOND. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM BEST TO KEEP SUCH A MESSAGE IN RESERVE IN CASE WE NEED TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR ANY DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, FOLLOWING MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

3. STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, BRAZIL'S NAME HAS COME UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECENT PERUVIAN PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE NOW RECEIVED PUBLICITY. WERE THESE PROPOSALS, TO WHICH I REFERRED IN THE HOUSE TODAY, TO DEVELOP, WE MIGHT THEN HAVE SOMETHING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE TO PUT TO THE BRAZILIANS. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM BEST TO HOLD OUR HAND ON MESSAGES AT THIS STAGE UNTIL DECISIONS ON POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS ARE TAKEN.

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	11	YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS.144 AND 145 : FALKLANDS : PROPOSED MESSAGE
	12	TO BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
	13	1. We have considered this proposal carefully. We accept the
	14	need to keep the Brazilians in play and to prevent an increasing
	15	Brazilian tilt towards Argentina.
	16	2. The problem is that we have little to say to the Brazilians
	17	at this stage which would justify a personal message. It would
	18	need to refer to Sr Guerreiro's message to the UN Secretary-
	19	General, which, as you say, is well-meant but not helpful.
	20	Also, following the breakdown of the Haig negotiations and <sup>with a</sup>
	21	growing focus on the military aspects, it would be hard to <sup>smile</sup>
///	22	a line to which the Brazilians could respond. It would therefore
//	23	seem best to keep such a message in reserve in case we need to
/	24	seek their support for any diplomatic initiative, following my
	25	visit to Washington and New York.

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16 FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 5.30 PM (302030Z) AND HANDED  
17 ME COPIES IN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE OF AN URGENT MESSAGE WHICH  
18 HAD JUST SENT TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN NEW YORK (TEXT IN  
19 FT).

20 GUERREIRO EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE, WHICH  
21 INCIDENT FIGUEREDEO HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED, WAS TO GIVE SUPPORT  
22 THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE  
23 ISLANDS DISPUTE, NOW THAT THE HAIG MEDIATION WAS EFFECTIVELY AT  
24 END. GUERREIRO SAID THAT HE HAD CONTEMPLATED ADDRESSING A  
25 TACTICALLY PHRASED MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
26 THE ORGAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS  
27 SOLUTION IN SC2, BUT HE HAD OPTED IN FAVOUR OF SENDING ONE TO  
28 THE SECRETARY GENERAL (WHO I GATHER HAD SOLICITED MESSAGES OF  
29 THIS KIND), ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS BEST PLACED TO DECIDE HOW  
30 TO PLY THE UN HAND AND THAT IT MIGHT ANYWAY BE PREFERABLE TO  
31 HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE TWO PARTIES BEFORE THE SECURITY  
32 COUNCIL WAS CONVENED.

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