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INFO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES, WASHINGTON, PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR), MODUK NAVY, CINC FLEET.

MY TELNO 179: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. IF THERE IS A NEED TO CIRCULATE A NOTE IN RESPONSE TO AN ARGENTINE NOTE, WE ARE ON FURTHER THOUGHT CONCERNED WITH THE LINE IN PARAS 8 AND 9 OF MY TUR WHICH, WHILE IT MAY BE PRESENTATIONALLY HELPFUL IN SECURITY COUNCIL TERMS, COULD ENCOURAGE ARGENTINE ASSUMPTIONS OF OUR INABILITY TO RESIST ATTACK.

2. PARA 8 OF MY TUR SHOULD THEREFORE BE AMENDED TO BEGIN: 'HMS ENDURANCE, WHICH IS A LIGHTLY-ARMED ICE-PATROL VESSEL, IS IN THE AREA'

3. PARA 9 OF MY TUR. IF ARGENTINE NOTE REFERS TO REPORTED DEPLOYMENT OF BRITISH SUBMARINES, YOU SHOULD NOT COMMENT IN YOUR REPLY. INSTEAD YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THE PRESENCE IN THE AREA OF CONSIDERABLE ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE NAVY HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED AND HAS NOT BEEN DENIED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

4. GRATEFUL IF WE COULD HAVE SIGHT OF ANY NOTE BEFORE YOU CIRCULATE IT.

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