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INFO FLASH WASHINGTON, BUENOS AIRES, PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

YOUR TELCON WITH MR LUCE: FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS

1. PLEASE NOW SEEK AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE GROUNDS, SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, THERE COULD BE A SITUATION WHICH THREATENS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. YOU SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THIS TAKES PLACE IN FORMAL SESSION TODAY.

2. AGAIN SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, YOUR OPENING STATEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS:

(A) THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS TODAY SUMMONED YOU AND THE ARGENTINIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES. IT IS RIGHT THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD ENDORSE AND BACK UP HIS APPROACH.

(B) WE FOR OUR PART HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT PROBLEMS BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

(C) THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES YESTERDAY DELIVERED A FURTHER MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT URGING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO CURRENT PROBLEMS AND OFFERING TO SEND A SENIOR EMISSARY TO BUENOS AIRES. THE ARGENTINIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TODAY RESPONDED TO THIS APPROACH IN NEGATIVE TERMS. HE HAD DECLINED TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE PROBLEMS OCCASIONED BY THE ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF ARGENTINE NATIONALS ON SOUTH GEORGIA. HE HAD SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT HE NO LONGER WISHED TO USE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

(D) IN ADDITION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNWILLINGNESS

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TO PURSUE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES, THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES ARE PREPARING TO INVADE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. (OVERT EVIDENCE WHICH CAN BE USED IS BEING TELEGRAPHED FROM BUENOS AIRES). (E) IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL URGE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RESORT TO ARMED FORCE AND THAT DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE RESUMED.

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