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FOR SECCOS FM CBF

1 PD ALTHOUGH REMOTE FM FALKLANDS WE ARE TAKING STEPS HERE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH HE THE GOVERNOR TO MONITOR VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR EARLY INDICATORS OF CHINESE INTENTIONS/ATTITUDES PD OUR COMMENT WILL BE NECESSARILY UNREFINED IN INTELLIGENCE TERMS BUT SHOULD GIVE SOME INDICATION OF TEMPERATURE OF WATER

2 PD RETRIEVAL OF 45 CDO ELEMENTS WENT WITHOUT HITCH AND UNNOTICED BY LOCALS PD GENERAL ATTITUDE OF EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY COVERS WHOLE RANGE OF EMOTIONS AS REFLECTED IN UK PRESS PD CHINESE COMMUNITST ATTITUDES MORE DIFFICULT TO JUDGE CMM BUT LEADING COMMUNIST NEWS-PAPERS CMM WHILST AVOIDING FIXED POSITIONS CMM ARE IMPLYING DISAPPROVAL OF MILITARY SOLUTIONS

3 PD PRESS AT LARGE IS DRAWING ANALOGIES BETWEEN HK AND FALKLANDS LARGELY AS RESULT OF WESTMINSTER STATEMENTS ALERTING FOLK HERE TO A PARALLEL OF WHICH THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY LARGELY UNAWARE PD A

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PARTICULAR POINT BEING TAKEN UP IS HINT THAT HMG HAD GIVEN EARLIER CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF REPRODUCING IN FALKLANDS A HK TYPE SOLUTION IE TACIT RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINA GEOGRAPHIC CLAIMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LEASE BACK ARRANGEMENT FOR UK ADMINISTRATION PD COMMENT COLON THIS HAS EVOKED A DEAL OF INTEREST HERE BY HIGHLIGHTING HMG'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS HK

4 PD FACT THAT THERE IS A COMMONS PQ DOWN FOR ANSWER LATER THIS MONTH ON REINFORCEMENT OF HK WILL SHORTLY BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE AND DOUBTLESS LEAD TO INEVITABLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND MISCONCEPTIONS BT

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