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TO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 237 OF 8 APRIL  
AND TO PRIORITY UKMIS GENEVA  
INFO WASHINGTON

OUR TELNO 212 ANS YOUR TELNO 419: FALKLANDS AT THE UN - HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY OCCUPYING AUTHORITIES

1 WE ARE SENDING BY TELELETTER THE TEXT OF A NOTE PREPARED IN THE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2 IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE SO FAR TO HAND, WE CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE ACCUSATIONS THAT THE ARGENTINIANS ARE SERIOUSLY VIOLATING THE ISLANDER'S RIGHTS OTHER THAN THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE PREMATURE TO ISSUE THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE.

3 YOU SHOULD NEVERTHELESS TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO STATE THAT HMG HOLD THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND TO CALL UPON THEM TO ABIDE BY THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE ISLANDERS. YOU SHOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE APPALLING DOMESTIC RECORD OF THE ARGENTINE REGIME WHICH JUSTIFIES INTERNATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE ISLANDERS.

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4 WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD NOT SEEK TO ADVANCE ITEM 9 AND THAT WE SHALL PROBABLY NOT WISH TO TABLE ANY RESOLUTION. THE TERMS ON WHICH YOU SPEAK ON THIS ITEM OR UNDER OUR REPORT MADE UNDER ARTICLES 13-15 OF THE COVENANT CAN BE CONSIDERED LATER. MEANWHILE WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE ITEM ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE TO RAISE THE ISSUE. YOU WILL NO DOUBT MOBILISE OUR FRIENDS TO SPEA SIMILARLY. BULLARD MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE MATTER IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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5 YOU WILL SEE FROM OUR EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS WITH UKMIS GENEVA THAT THE QUESTION OF THE BASIS FOR ICRC INTERVENTION IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE. IN THE INTERESTS OF OBTAINING ARGENTINIAN APPROVAL FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS VISITS TO THE ISLANDS WE THINK IT BEST TO AVOID EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

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