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YOUR TELNO 002: COUNCILLORS' MEETING

1. AT JOINT COUNCILS' MEETING ON 6 JANUARY IT WAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING MOTION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 7 JANUARY:

"WHILE THIS HOUSE DOES NOT LIKE ANY OF THE IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY MR RIDLEY FOR A POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA, IT AGREES THAT HMG SHOULD HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH THE ARGENTINES, AT WHICH THIS HOUSE SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AND AT WHICH THE BRITISH DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK AN AGREEMENT TO FREEZE THE DISPUTE OVER SOVEREIGNTY FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME."

2. THIS WAS A SALVAGE JOB, WITH HARD-LINERS LED BY COUNCILLOR MONK WANTING TO INCLUDE A CLAUSE RULING OUT LEASEBACK AS AN OPTION FOR ALL TIME. ALTHOUGH HE EVENTUALLY AGREED TO PROPOSE THIS MOTION HIMSELF, MONK STILL HAD GRAVE MISGIVINGS AND WILL PROBABLY BE MUCH LESS COMPROMISING IN HIS SPEECH IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

3. AT ONE STAGE COUNCILLORS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR WISH TO INCLUDE IN THE MOTION A SENTENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT NO TALKS SHOULD BE HELD WITH THE ARGENTINES UNTIL THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD GUARANTEED RIGHT OF ENTRY INTO UK FOR ALL FALKLAND ISLANDERS. EVENTUALLY THEY SETTLED FOR A SEPARATE MOTION, "THAT THIS HOUSE REQUESTS THAT HMG GRANT FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO FALKLAND ISLANDERS."

4. ATTITUDES IN JOINT COUNCILS INITIALLY WERE:

- (A) NO TALKS AT ALL - 3:
- (B) TALKS EXCLUDING LEASEBACK - 4:
- (C) TALKS INCLUDING LEASEBACK - 4:

UNFORTUNATELY OF THE ELECTED COUNCILLORS ONLY TWO WERE IN CATEGORY (C), ONE IN (B) AND THREE IN (A).

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