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1. WE ARE PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO THE ARGENTINE PARTY LEAVING LEITH. YOU MAY HOWEVER TELL COSTA MENDEZ THAT IF THEY WERE TO LEAVE (AND WE NOTE THAT THEY NOW HAVE THE BAHIA PARAISO AT THEIR DISPOSAL) AND PROCEED TO GRITVIKEN, PERMISSION AND SUITABLE DOCUMENTATION WOULD THERE BE ISSUED FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO LEITH TO COMPLETE THE DEMOLITION JOB ON WHICH THEY ARE EMBARKED.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THIS REPRESENTS AN ULTIMATE EFFORT OF GOODWILL ON OUR PART TO AVOID A SITUATION WHICH APPEARED TO BE HEADING FOR CONFRONTATION. IT WILL INEVITABLY POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US BUT PROVIDING WE CAN BE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE ARGENTINE PARTY HAS LEFT LEITH - HOWEVER BRIEFLY - WE THINK THAT WE CAN HOLD THIS POSITION. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS SUGGESTION IS AN IMAGINATIVE AND STATESMANLIKE INITIATIVE ON THEIR PART.

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