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MY TELNO 135: FALKLANDS CRISIS

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FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE FROM DR COSTA MENDEZ TO LORD CARRINGTON HANDED TO MY COUNSELLOR SHORTLY BEFORE 1700Z TODAY.

BEGINS.

SINCE THE PROBLEM RAISED IS DISREGARD OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY,

- I JUDGE POINTLESS THE DESPATCH OF A PERSON TO EXAMINE THE EVENTS IN THE GEORGIAS SINCE ARGENTINA CONSIDERS THIS INCIDENT RESOLVED. IN FACT THE WORKERS THERE ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR TASKS UNDER NORMAL LAWFUL CONDITIONS WITHOUT ANY BREACH OF THE AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REACHED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
- BEARING IN MIND THE ANTECEDENTS AND COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN FROM 1964 TO TODAY WE WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE DESPATCH OF THE REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSED BY GREAT BRITAIN IF HIS TASK HAD BEEN TO NEGOTIATE THE MODALITIES OF TRANSFERRING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS AND THEIR DEPENDENCIES TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE CENTRAL CAUSE OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.
- I CANNOT OMIT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE UNUSUAL BRITISH NAVAL DEPLOYMENT TOWARDS OUR WATERS REPORTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS WHICH CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS AN UNACCEPTABLE THREAT OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE. THIS OBLIGES US TO REFER TO THE UN ORGANISATION WHERE ARGENTINA WILL CIRCULATE A NOTE ON THE ANTECEDENTS OF THIS CASE.

ENDS. (NO COURTESY ENDING)

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