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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

UNGA: BILATERAL WITH THE US SECRETARY OF STATE: FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. SHULTZ SAID THAT HE HAD GONE OVER THE COURSE WITH THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER: MRS KIRKPATRICK HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER HIS DRAFT RESOLUTION AS CAREFULLY AS THE ARGENTINES CONSIDERED THEIR VOTE ON PUERTO RICO. SHULTZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH PRE-JUDGED EVEN INDIRECTLY THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS, OR A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A VERY QUICK SOLUTION. BUT IT WOULD BE HARD FOR THE US NOT TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH SIMPLY CALLED UPON THE PARTIES TO TALK ABOUT THEIR DIFFERENCES WITHOUT PREJUDICE. ON THE ARMS EMBARGO, THE AMERICANS HAD AS WE KNEW HELD OFF UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE TEN HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT HAD NOW GONE AHEAD WITH THE ARMS IN THE PIPELINE.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE RESTATED OUR POSITION FIRMLY. THE ARGENTINES WERE TRYING TO SET UP A SMOKE SCREEN, AND NO ONE SHOULD HAVE ANY TRUCK WITH THEIR RESOLUTION UNTIL THEY HAD FIRMLY ACCEPTED AN END TO HOSTILITIES AND RESPONDED TO OUR EFFORTS TO RE-ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS. SIR J THOMSON SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE EXTENT OF SYMPATHY FOR OUR CASE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, AND ESPECIALLY THE AFRICANS: THERE WAS AN INCREASING DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT THAT THE POINT OF THE DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLANDS (AND THEREBY ARTICLE 73 OF THE CHARTER) RATHER THAN SOVEREIGNTY. SHULTZ COMMENTED THAT THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH WE HAD FOUGHT WERE RIGHT AND THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THEM.

3. MRS KIRKPATRICK SAID THAT THE ARGENTINES HAD MODIFIED THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO ATTRACT SUPPORT (INCLUDING THAT OF UNSPECIFIED EUROPEANS) BUT THE LANGUAGE OF THE PREAMBLE REMAINED PREJUDICIAL AND IN THE CASE OF ONE PARAGRAPH (REFERRING TO VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM AS A THREAT TO THE PEACE) INFLAMMATORY.

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