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SUBJECT: FALKLAND CRISIS

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. TO GO OVER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS REQUESTED REF B, I CALLED THE CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, ADMIRAL MOYA, ON RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE (AROUND 1300 HOURS OUR TIME) AND ASKED TO SEE GALTIERI IMMEDIATELY TO DELIVER IT TO HIM. MOYA CALLED BACK SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHED ME TO GIVE THE MESSAGE TO COSTA MENDEZ. I SAID THAT IN VIEW OF MY INSTRUCTIONS I WOULD BRING IT TO HIM (MOYA) FOR THE PRESIDENT'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AS WELL AS DELIVER IT TO COSTA MENDEZ. I THEN CALLED COSTA AT HOME AND READ HIM THE MESSAGE. HE REACTED AS REPORTED REF A. I SENT VIA THE DCM THE TEXT AND, IN RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER'S REQUEST, THE DRAFT OF OUR PROPOSAL AS IT EMERGED FROM THE SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION TO AMBASSADOR FIGUEROA AT THE MINISTRY. AT THE

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SAME TIME I TOOK THE MESSAGE OVER TO MOYA AT THE PALACE.

3. MOYA READ IT CAREFULLY. HE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SESSION WITH ROS AND IGLESIAS HAD BEEN A "CONVERSATION". WHAT WAS IMPORTANT, IN

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HIS VIEW, WAS WHAT GALTIERI HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY DURING THEIR LAST MEETING ON SATURDAY NIGHT. MOYA ALSO REMARKED THAT "PERSONALLY" HE DID NOT BELIEVE BRITISH USE OF FORCE WAS IMMINENT. (THIS NO DOUBT REFLECTED THE NAVY'S DECISION TO STAY OUT OF THE ZONE PROCLAIMED BY THE BRITISH AS LONG AS THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.)

4. I PRESSED MOYA FOR AN INDICATION ASAP AS TO THE GOA'S RESPONSE TO YOUR INTENT TO COME HERE ASAP. I POINTED OUT THAT YOU HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME. MOYA PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ME. (COMMENT: I ASSUME COSTA MENDEZ'S MESSAGE WILL AIM AT FURTHER EFFORTS BY YOURSELF IN LONDON. IF THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR ANYTHING MORE THERE, YOU COULD ALWAYS JUST COME AHEAD.) SHLAUDMAN.

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