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MY TEL NO 58: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THIS A FEEBLE STATEMENT, AND NOT WHAT RAMPHAL AND I WERE LED TO EXPECT. HAVING OBTAINED THE EMBARGOED TEXT FROM A PRESS CONTACT, I INTERCEPTED THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS HE ARRIVED AT THE TELEVISION STUDIO TO BROADCAST THE STATEMENT. IN THE TWO OR THREE MINUTES AVAILABLE BEFORE HE WENT ON I SAID THAT, WHILE YOU WOULD BE GLAD TO NOTE THAT TRINIDAD SUPPORTED THE RIGHT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS TO SELF DETERMINATION, YOU WOULD BE VERY DISTURBED AT THE ABSENCE OF ANY CONDEMNATION OF THE AGGRESSION OR CALL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADERS. I URGED INCE AT LEAST TO ADD A REFERENCE TO SCR 502, WHICH WAS RECEIVING WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT, HAD MANDATORY FORCE, AND BY ITS DEMAND FOR AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL SHOWED THE ONLY PEACEFUL WAY FORWARD. INCE SAID THAT HIS TEXT HAD BEEN LAID DOWN IN CABINET AND HE COULD NOT CHANGE IT

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2. WHEN WE RESUMED DISCUSSION AFTER HIS BROADCAST, I SAID I WAS DISTURBED BY THE REFERENCE TO QUOTE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES UNQUOTE, WHICH I THOUGHT IN THE FALKLANDS CONTEXT THE ARGENTINES WOULD CHOOSE TO INTERPRET AS A CALL FOR THE ABSORPTION OF THE ISLANDS IN ARGENTINA. INCE SEEMED SURPRISED AT THIS AND SAID IT WAS INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, A BRITISH COLONY. HE REFERRED TO POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN CLAIMS AGAINST TRINIDAD AND I SAID I THOUGHT THE LANGUAGE WOULD BE WELCOME TO SOME IRRIDENTISTS. I ASKED WHY THE STATEMENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO SCR 502. HE SAID THAT THE QUESTION HAD NOT REALLY COME UP: HE HAD MADE AN INPUT IN CABINET BUT OTHERS HAD MADE INPUTS TOO.

3. I SAID THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING HMG, WOULD BE SURPRISED THAT, WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS (ACCORDING TO THE BBC) MEXICO AND (ACCORDING TO INCE) BRAZIL, AS WELL AS LOTS OF CARIBBEAN AND AFRICAN STATES, CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES, THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT HAD NOT FELT ABLE TO DO SO. ON TUESDAY I HAD ASKED WHETHER THE ARGENTINE CHARGE WOULD BE SUMMONED: NOW, I HAD TO SAY, I HOPED HE WOULD NOT BE. I URGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE A FURTHER STATEMENT AT LEAST ENDORSING RESOLUTION 502. INCE SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WOULD TALK TO HIS PRIME MINISTER. I ALSO URGED THAT THE TRINIDAD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS SHOULD BE TOLD TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. INCE SAID, QUOTE WE COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT UNQUOTE. I WONDER.

4. WITH NEARLY ALL WILLIAMS' MINISTERS STILL IN THE CABINET, I SUSPECT THAT THE TRINIDAD STATEMENT REFLECTS THEIR FEELING THAT A LOW INTERNATIONAL PROFILE CONTINUES TO SERVE TRINIDAD'S INTERESTS: WHAT RAMPHAL DESCRIBED TO ME AS THE FETISH OF NON-INVOLVEMENT. I HAVE SENT HIM A MESSAGE VIA BHC BRIDGETOWN TELLING HIM OF THIS OUTCOME AND SAYING THAT A FURTHER INTERVENTION BY HIM COULD BE HELPFUL IN TRYING TO SECURE A SUPPLEMENTARY TRINIDAD STATEMENT.

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