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FOR THE SECRETARY, EAGLEBERGER, AND NEWELL; NSC FOR JUDGE
CLARK; FROM AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK
E.O. 12356: 11/4/88
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SUBJECT: ~~T~~EXT OF EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON FALKLANDS

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2. HERE IS THE STATEMENT WE PROPOSE FOR DELIVERY BY
AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SHERMAN AFTER THE VOTE ON THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS RESOLUTION. THAT VOTE IS EXPECTED LATE THIS
AFTERNOON. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOONEST.

BEGIN TEXT: DRAFT EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON THE FALKLANDS
RESOLUTION FOR USE IN PLENARY NOVEMBER 4

MR. PRESIDENT,

THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA IN
THEIR TRAGIC CONFLICT OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS
MALVINAS). AT THE OUTSET OF THE CONFLICT, MY GOVERNMENT

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MADE SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO BRING THE TWO PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. WE SAID AT THAT TIME THE UNITED STATES STANDS BEHIND THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE DISPUTES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE, AND ESPECIALLY IN THIS HEMISPHERE WHERE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TERRITORIAL DISPUTES REMAIN TO BE SOLVED DIPLOMATICALLY. FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE FALKLAND CRISIS HAS BEEN AND STILL IS A PARTICULARLY AGONIZING, TRAGIC EVENT. AS THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS, WE HAVE A LONG STANDING ALLIANCE AND, BEYOND THAT, THE CLOSEST RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GREAT BRITAIN, THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, LAW AND LANGUAGE DERIVE. BUT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN FOR A MOMENT OUR CLOSE GEOGRAPHICAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH OUR LATIN NEIGHBORS. WE DO NOT ONLY CARE ABOUT THIS HEMISPHERE, WE ARE PART OF THIS HEMISPHERE, AND WE SHARE MANY OF THE ASPIRATIONS, GOALS AND DREAMS OF ALL NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS...

THAT IS WHY THE UNITED STATES TRIED SO HARD TO AVOID THE CONFLICT ON THE FALKLANDS, WHY WE ARE HOPING SO INTENSELY TO REDUCE AND ISOLATE IT, AND WHY WE ARE EAGER AND READY TO BACK ANY REALISTIC DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE WHICH WILL PUT A JUST END TO IT. THE NECESSITY FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THIS CONFLICT LED THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 505 OF MAY 26, AS WELL AS OTHER POSITIONS TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF THAT TRAGIC CONFLICT.

THE DISPUTE THAT APPEARED TO MANY TO BE SIMPLE HAS NONETHELESS PROVED EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE. BUT WE MUST ABANDON THE EFFORT, BECAUSE IT LINKED THE SIMULTANEOUS CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES, AND NEGOTIATIONS. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THAT RESOLUTION REMAIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. THE SAME VITAL NEED FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION THAT WOULD PUT THIS CONFLICT ONCE AND FOR ALL BEHIND US UNDERLIES OUR VOTE TODAY.

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THIS RESOLUTION, IN ITS REVISED AND FINAL FORM, EXPRESSLY REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. WE

WELCOME ITS REFERENCES TO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND TO THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES ^{NOT} TO RENEW THEM. THE COST, IN BLOOD AND TREASURE, TO BOTH ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DICTATES THAT FORCE MUST NEVER AGAIN BE USED TO SOLVE THIS DISPUTE. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, IN SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION A RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING THE USE OF FORCE IN THE FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED FOR ANY RESOLUTION WHICH PREJUDGED THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OR THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE NEVER TAKEN A POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND WE DO NOT NOW DO SO. WE CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US DOES NOT LEGALLY PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF EITHER ARGENTINA OR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND, IN FACT, OPENS THE WAY TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH WITHOUT ANY PREORDAINED RESULT.

FINALLY, IN CALLING ON THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE, LET US NOT FORGET, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THESE ISLANDS ARE AND HAVE BEEN FOR GENERATIONS THE HOME OF A SMALL, BUT RESOLUTE, POPULATION OF ISLAND PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THAT NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA WILL NECESSARILY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE INTERESTS AND THE VIEWS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.

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IN SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION. THE U. S. AFFIRMS THAT
THIS DISPUTE LIKE ALL OTHERS SHOULD BE SETTLED BY
DISCUSSION AND NEVER BY FORCE AND THAT THE FATE OF PEOPLES
SHOULD NEVER BE SETTLED WITHOUT DUE ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN
OF THEIR VIEWS, VALUES AND INTERESTS.

LET THESE PRINCIPLES AND THOSE OF THE UN CHARTER ITSELF
GOVERNING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES SERVE AS A
BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION TO CLOSE THIS UNHAPPY CHAPTER
AND MOVE FORWARD AGAIN TOWARD PEACE, UNDERSTANDING
AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

END TEXT.
KIRKPATRICK
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