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2. Ambassador called on Foreign Minister Paz Barnica May 26 to review our position on Argentine draft along lines ref tel and STATE 123673.

3. Paz Barnica reiterated GOH support for Argentine claim to Falklands but disapproval of fact that they had resorted to use of force. He still hoped way could be found to arrive at negotiated solution.

4. In reviewing our arguments, Ambassador did not report press Paz Barnica as to how GOH would vote on Argentine draft resolution as presently formulated, believing it

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better to allow Hondurans time to reflect on our views before seeking to ascertain their definitive position.

5. In separate conversation same subject with Minister of Presidency Carlos Flores, Ambassador stressed importance we attached to upholding effectiveness and dignity of Rio Treaty mechanism. Flores took our points aboard and wondered if we might be amenable to compromise resolution whereby language condemning UK would be softened but provision would be included calling for lifting of all sanctions. Ambassador noted that this did not sound like a very promising suggestion but undertook to report it to Washington. Flores said we could expect Honduras and others to be floating the idea of language calling for an end to sanctions in exchange for softening the other parts of the resolution.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED BUENOS AIRES.

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