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DESBY 181800Z  
FM UKREP BRUSSELS 181645Z MAR 88  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1525 OF 18 MARCH.  
INFO ROUTINE PARIS  
INFO SAVING COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, ROME, DUBLIN, BONN AND MOSCOW.  
COMMUNITY EXPORTS OF BUTTER AND WHEAT TO RUSSIA.



1. DANKERT HAS SHOWN US IN CONFIDENCE A LETTER TO HIM FROM GUNDELACH IN WHICH THE LATTER SAYS THAT 20,000 TONNES OF COMMUNITY BUTTER WERE EXPORTED IN JANUARY 1980. THE VOLUME OF BUTTER EXPORT CERTIFICATES ISSUES, WHICH MAY BE WITHOUT PREFIXATION, WAS 15,000 TONNES OF THIS TOTAL. GUNDELACH COMMENTED ORALLY TO DANKERT THAT THE 15,000 TONNES WERE MAINLY FRENCH BUTTER SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO DANKERT QUOTING GUNDELACH, 350,000 TONNES OF PREFIXED, MAINLY FRENCH WHEAT ORIGINALLY MARKED FOR OTHER DESTINATIONS, WERE REASSIGNED BY MERCHANTS TO THE SOVIET UNION IN JANUARY.

2. WE HAVE NO MEANS OF JUDGING THE ACCURACY OF WHAT DANKERT CLAIMED TO US, BUT HE CLEARLY ATTACHES CREDENCE TO IT AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO PASS THE INFORMATION TO THE PARLIAMENT'S BUDGET COMMITTEE AND MUST EXPECT IT TO CAUSE A STIR.

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