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ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA.

1. SPOKE TO KATO TODAY AND FORMALLY DREW HIS ATTENTION TO THE DECISIONS BY THE COMMUNITY, REITERATING OUR REQUEST FOR SIMILAR EARLY ACTION BY THE JAPANESE. I WAS CONCERNED BY THE LIKELY EFFECT ON ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS IF THE JAPANESE DID NOT TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES SOON. THE JAPANESE PRESS CONTINUED TO TAKE A GENERALLY UNHELPFUL LINE GIVING PROMINENCE TO ARGENTINE VIEWS. I SAID THAT A CLEAR STATEMENT BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OF OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UK POSITION WAS OVERDUE.

2. KATO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TOMORROW. PERHAPS MR SUZUKI COULD SAY SOMETHING TO THE PRESS. I SAID THAT ANYTHING SAID SHOULD EMPHASISE POSITIVE SUPPORT.

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3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ON INSTRUCTIONS IS ALSO CONVEYING THE TEXT OFFICIALLY TO THE JAPANESE ON 12 APRIL.

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