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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 146 OF 18 MARCH

ARGENTINE PRESSURE ON URUGUAY: THE BISCOE AND THE MONSUNEN.

1. DR MAESO TOLD ME LAST NIGHT AT A DINNER PARTY FOR THE AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO LONDON THAT THE VISITS TO MONTEVIDEO OF THE MONSUNEN AND THE BISCOE WERE CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THE ARGENTINE PRESS YESTERDAY CARRIED STORIES ABOUT THE BISCOE AND THE MONSUNEN VISITING MONTEVIDEO TO TAKE ON SUPPLIES FOR THE FALKLANDS AND THE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES WAS BEING PRESSED FOR COMMENT ON WHAT THE ARGENTINES ARE REGARDING AS PROVIDING UNEXPECTED LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO A NEIGHBOURING SISTER COUNTRY.

2. Paragraph deleted and closed, 40 years, under FoI Exemption.

Wayland
12 February 2013

3. TODAY'S URUGUAYAN PRESS HAVE TAKEN UP THE STORY AND CARRY A STATEMENT BY THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES TO THE EFFECT THAT WHATEVER THE SHIPS DID IN MONTEVIDEO WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRIVATE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AND THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT WAS IN NO POSITION TO INTERVENE.

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4. ~~WE ALSO ARE BEING ASKED TO COMMENT. WE ARE TAKING THE LINE THAT BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS HAVE VISITED MONTEVIDEO FOR DECADES. IT SEEMS NORMAL THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.~~
5. THE SOURCE OF THE STORIES IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS IS ALLEGEDLY A BRITISH PUBLICATION CALLED QUOTE SEA TRADE UNQUOTE.
6. PLEASE SEE MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.

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