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YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 063 TO ANKARA: FALKLANDS: FOLLOW-UP TO SECURITY
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1. MINISTER SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR THIS MORNING
AND ALSO DESCRIBED OUR ACTION TO FREEZE ARGENTINE FINANCIAL
ASSETS (YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 062 TO UKDEL IMF/IBRD WASHINGTON). ORLEBAR
THANKED BOTTAI FOR ITALIAN ACTIONS REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM NO. 144 (8)
AND FOR SUBSEQUENT ROBUST STATEMENT BY COLOMBO IN INTERVIEW WITH
YESTERDAY'S CORRIERE DELLA SERA (TEXT BY BAG). BOTTAI UNDERTOOK TO
INFORM HIS MINISTER FORTHWITH OF OUR APPROACH. HE SAID ITALY FELT
ENTIRE SOLIDARITY WITH THE UK AND WAS READY TO ADOPT ANY MEASURES
AGREED IN THE TEN. GIVEN ITALY'S TRADITIONAL TIES WITH ARGENTINA,
HOWEVER (BOTTAI HIMSELF STUDIED THERE FOR SOME MONTHS), IT WOULD BE
'PSYCHOLOGICALLY DIFFICULT' FOR ITALY TO BE 'FIRST IN THE CLASS'.
2. COMMENT. ITALIAN PUBLIC REACTION HAS BEEN AS GOOD AS COULD BE
HOPE D BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL UNDERTAKE ANY CONCRETE
STEPS BEFORE DISCUSSION IN THE TEN.
3. WE ARE BRIEFING TREASURY AND BANK OF ITALY ON THE ACTION SET OUT
IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 062 TO UKDEL IMF/IBRD.
4. FCO PSE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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