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TO IMMEDIATE BRUSSELS  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 80 OF 10 APRIL  
AND TO IMMEDIATE OTHER EEC POSTS, UKREP BRUSSELS.

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MY THREE I.P.T.'S : EC/ARGENTINA

1. THE COMMUNITY HAVE ISSUED A MOST HELPFUL STATEMENT. IT RECORDS THEIR COMPLETE POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE UK. IT ANNOUNCES THE DECISION OF ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO EMBARGO ARMS SALES. IT CONVEYS THEIR INTENTION TO BAN ALL ARGENTINE IMPORTS. WE MUST NOW TRANSLATE THIS LAST INTENTION INTO AN EFFECTIVE DECISION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SPEAK TO THE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED AT A HIGH LEVEL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN ON 13 APRIL DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS AND ALSO, AS APPROPRIATE, ON THE SEPARATE BRIEFING ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION BEING SENT TO SIR J TAVLOR FOR HIS MEETING WITH GENSCHER.
2. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT WHICH OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE GIVEN US OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS. THE DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT ISSUED ON 10 APRIL WILL HAVE BEEN WIDELY NOTED NOT ONLY BY BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION BUT ALSO ROUND THE WORLD, NOT LEAST IN ARGENTINA. THE MEASURES OUR PARTNERS HAVE AGREED TO TAKE WILL HAVE A CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ARGENTINA AND THEREBY BRING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE TO BEAR ON HER TO COMPLY WITH SCR 502.
3. IT IS CORRESPONDINGLY ESSENTIAL THAT THE COMMUNITY'S DECLARED INTENTION TO BAN ALL ARGENTINE IMPORTS SHOULD BE FORMULIZED WITHOUT DELAY. IMPORTANT THAT REPRESENTATIVES IN COREPER

ON 14 APRIL SHOULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED.

4. (FOR COPENHAOEN) WE RECOGNISE THE DIFFICULTY WHICH USE OF ARTICLE 113 POSES FOR THE DANISH GOVERNMENT. THE DANES WILL HAVE NOTICED THE HEAVY EMPHASIS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT PLACED ON ARTICLE 224. BUT OTHERS HAVE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO 113. COMMISSION DRAFT A SKILFUL COMPROMISE. THE MEASURES IN THE REGULATION ARE SPECIFIED AS FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 224, WHILE LEAVING ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION UNDER ARTICLE 113 IN ORDER TO SECURE UNIFORM TREATMENT IN ALL MEMBER STATES AND THUS AVOID DISTORTION OF THE COMMON MARKET. EVERYBODY'S INTERESTS ARE THUS MET. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO REACH DECISION. HOPE DENMARK WILL NOT PREVENT THIS.

5. (FOR ALL) THE UK WILL PRESS FOR TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE COMMISSION DRAFT REGULATION:

(A) 15 DAYS IS DERISORY. RECOGNISE THAT IT WILL GIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. BUT RIDICULOUS TO GET INTO A SITUATION OF TIME PRESSURE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL TO PROLONG REGULATION. WILL LOOK WEAK TO ARGENTINA AND WORLD OPINION. SPOILING SHIP FOR HAPORTH OF TAR. MONTH WOULD BE REASONABLE INITIAL PERIOD (AS FOR GSP REGULATION).

(B) THE UK'S IMPORT BAN, ALREADY IMPLEMENTED, PROVIDES FOR EXEMPTIONS ONLY FOR GOODS SHIPPED BY THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDER (MIDNIGHT 6 APRIL). WE COULD NOT NOW CHANGE THIS TO EXCLUDE GOODS FOR WHICH LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED OR FOR WHICH CONTRACTS EXISTS. DO NOT PRESS THAT PARTNERS SHOULD FOLLOW OUR APPROACH, (ALTHOUGH WE THINK IT PREFERABLE) BUT ESSENTIAL THAT TEXT OF REGULATION SHOULD LEAVE IN PLACE UK'S OWN DECISION WHICH COVERS IMPORTS OF ARGENTINIAN GOODS THROUGH OTHER MEMBER STATES.

6. (FOR ROME AND BRUSSELS) TEXTS OF COMMUNITY AND TEN MAKE NO REFERENCE TO BANNING NEW EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES. ALL OTHER MEMBER STATES HAVE HOWEVER AGREED TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A BAN. COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY REQUIRES SIMILAR ACTION BY ITALY/BELGIUM - AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST A SHAKY ARGENTINE ECONOMY. IT IS

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ONLY NEW (REPEAT NEW) CREDITS WHICH ARE IN QUESTION. GUARANTEES  
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