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cc. Mr Ure
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ARGENTINA

Mr Patrick Shovelton, Director-General of the General Council of British Shipping telephoned me at home on April 4 to report a conversation with Mr Edmund Vestey, Chairman of the GCBS (and also of course a member of the family engaged in economic relations with Argentina via Blue Star Line, Union Corporation, etc.).

2. Mr Vestey had told Mr Shovelton that he had it in mind to write a letter to the Prime Minister offering his services, and those of his family, to make contact with the authorities in Argentina if that were at all useful. Mr Shovelton did not think that Mr Vestey or any of his family knew President Galtieri personally.

3. I thanked Mr Shovelton for this information and said I would pass it on: but I believed events were moving in the opposite direction.

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