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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NO 1160 OF 6 APRIL

MY TELEGRAM NO 1153: FALKLANDS.

1. WEINBERGER HAS JUST PHONE ME TO EXPRESS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT QUOTE TOTALLY FALSE UNQUOTE NEWSPAPER STORY ON THE SR715S. HE HAS ISSUED AN EMPHATIC DENIAL.

2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE AND HAIG HAD HAD A MOST USEFUL TALK TODAY. THEY WERE DETERMINED TO STOP THE TALK ABOUT THE USA BEING NEUTRAL. IT WAS MONSTROUS TO PUT A LONG-STANDING ALLY ONTO THE SAME LEVEL AS ARGENTINA. THERE WERE WAYS OF HELPING WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY THAT HE WOULD UNDERTAKE. I HAD ONLY TO GET INTO TOUCH WITH HIM IF THERE WAS ANYTHING WE WANTED HIM TO DO. IT WAS NONSENSE TO TALK ABOUT NEUTRALITY WHEN BRITAIN WAS CONCERNED, AND ARGENTINA HAD COMMITTED AGRSSION.

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