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BRITISH INTERESTS' SECTION IN BUENOS AIRES.

I HAVE RECEIVED BY SAFE HAND A LETTER FROM DAVID JOY IN BUENOS AIRES MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) ANY MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH INTEREST SECTION WHO COME TO MONTEVIDEO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK INTO ARGENTINA. HARDY AND HILL THEREFORE WENT TO THE FRONTIER WITH A LORRY CARRYING EQUIPMENT FEPGHV QOS

~~But no further, etc.~~ (THE LORRY WAS FIELDDED ON THE URUGUAYAN SIDE BY MY SECOND SECRETARY AND A UK-BASED SECURITY OFFICER.

(B) THE TOUGHER THE STANCE IN LONDON RE THE ARGENTINIANS THERE, THE TOUGHER THE SITUATION IN BUENOS AIRES. THE ARGENTINIANS ARE INSISTING ON "RECIPROCITY"

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(D) THE FREEZING OF INDIVIDUAL ARGENTINE ACCOUNTS IN THE UK THREATENED FOR NEXT TUESDAY WILL INEVITABLY ENTAIL RECIPROCITY IN ARGENTINA. WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS COULD RESULT IN THOUSANDS OF STRANDED BRITISH PEOPLE ARRIVING AT THE INTERESTS SECTION ON THE SWISS EMBASSY SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

(E) PERSONAL SAFETY POSITION OF THE BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION MEMBERS IS AT PRESENT GOOD, FURTHERMORE AT PRESENT THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO PROTECT EVERYTHING BRITISH. THIS POLICY HOWEVER COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY ONCE THE BRITISH FLEET IS IN THE AREA.

(F) DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS, FROM ABROAD TO DAVID JOY AND HIS COLLEAGUES SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE BEEN OBJECTING AND IT EMBARRASSES THE SWISS.

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SENT AT 11/2030Z TWV

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SUB PARA (A) LINE BEGINNING - EQUIPMENT

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