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FROM UKREP
UKREP TEL NO 33 OF Q 16 APRIL

FALKLANDS: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. THE EP DEBATE ON THE FALKLANDS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL AT 3.00 PM, IN THE PRESENCE OF TINDEMANS, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. THE VOTE WILL BE ON THURSDAY.
2. THE POSITION SO FAR IS THAT A LIBERAL GROUP DRAFT RESOLUTION (ON WHICH WE COMMENTED PRIVATELY AT AN EARLY STAGE - UKREP TUR) WITH SOME EDG AND CD AMENDMENTS IS GAINING CENTRE/RIGHT SUPPORT. APPROXIMATE TEXT IN MIFT (NOT TO ALL). IT SEEMS HELPFUL TO US. IF HOWEVER THERE ARE FURTHER POINTS ON IT YOU WOULD US TO MAKE PLEASE TELEPHONE MARSDEN C/O UKDEL STRASBOURG

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3. THE ATTITUDE OF THE LEFT-WING GROUPS IS NOT CERTAIN. THE SOCIALISTS HAVE LEFT THE DRAFTING OF A COUNTER-RESOLUTION TO THE BRITISH SOCIALISTS, MRS CASTLE IN PARTICULAR. THE RESULT IS THE TEXT IN MIFT (NOT TO ALL). THE OPERATIVE SECTION (PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 ONLY) IS UNBALANCED AND UNHELPFUL IN ITS CALL FOR THE HALTING OF UK NAVAL OPERATIONS IN ORDER THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY TAKE PLACE. THIS MAY GET FRENCH COMMUNIST AND RADICAL SUPPORT. THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS SEEM LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE LIBERAL DRAFT.

4. WE ARE LOBBYING IN FAVOUR OF A SINGLE TEXT WHICH A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE PARLIAMENT COULD SUPPORT, AND BASED ON THE LIBERAL DRAFT. WE HAVE ALSO CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS THE COI BACKGROUND PAPER AND TRANSLATED VERSIONS OF THE NOTES MUFAXED BY ECD(1).

5. CLARKE (UKREP) WILL COVER THE DEBATES ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AND CAN BE CONTACTED AS FOR MARSDEN ABOVE. HE WILL BE THE CONTACT POINT FOR THE VISITING FALKLANDERS (TELECON MISS LAMBERT/UKDEL).

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