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FALKLANDS: NORWEGIAN BAN ON ARGENTINEIMPORTS

Thank you for your letter of 23 April. The Prime Minister agrees that the message to the Norwegian Foreign Minister may issue though she would like the word "courageous" to be deleted.

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Prime MinisterContent that message
should issue?

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Dear John,

Falklands: Norwegian Ban on Argentine Imports

As reported in Oslo telegram No 74, the Norwegian Government have now obtained overwhelming support in their Parliamentary Committee for their decision to ban imports from Argentina.

Although the legislation will not take effect until 23 April, there is every reason to believe that the legislative process will go smoothly. The Ambassador in Oslo has suggested that, in order not to lose the momentum in Oslo, it would be desirable for a message of thanks to Mr Willoch, the Norwegian Prime Minister, to be sent as soon as possible. A message has already been sent in the name of the Foreign Secretary.

/ I enclose a draft message for the Prime Minister's approval.

Yours ever

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9	FALKLANDS CRISIS: MESSAGE OF THANKS
10	1. Please pass following personal message from the Prime
11	Minister to the Norwegian Foreign Minister.
12	BEGINS: I should like to tell you how deeply grateful I am
13	to you for the decision of your Government to introduce
14	legislation to implement a ban on imports from Argentina. I
15	know how difficult a step this was. But I also know that your
16	courageous action will have an important further impact on
17	Argentina and bring home to them the profound distaste which is
18	felt by the democratic peoples of the world at their aggression
19	against the Falkland Islands. ENDS
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