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TELEGRAM NO 1538 OF 30 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK AND UKREP BRUSSELS

M.I.P.T. : ARGENTINA : US MEASURES

1. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND IT IS I THINK CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS A US DECISION TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA THROUGH FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH US OFFICIALS. IT IS A QUESTION OF A POLITICAL DECISION WHICH CAN ONLY BE TAKEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

2. I SUGGEST THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR YOU TO BRING WITH YOU A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE US SHOULD IMPOSE SUCH AN EMBARGO IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THIS SHOULD STRESS THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF SUCH ACTION AND THAT, IF THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT TAKE ACTION, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE EMBARGO THEY HAVE IMPOSED (AND WHICH FALLS TO BE RENEWED IN MID MAY); AND IMPOSSIBLE TO PERSUADE OTHERS LIKE JAPAN TO TAKE ACTION THEMSELVES. IT SHOULD ALSO REFER

OTHERS LIKE JAPAN TO TAKE ACTION THEMSELVES. IT SHOULD ALSO REFER TO OUR CONCERN THAT THE U.S. SHOULD EMBARGO THE EXPORT TO ARGENTINA OF MILITARILY APPLICABLE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS THE SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT ENGINES.

3. I THINK WE SHOULD BE WARY OF BEING DRAWN INTO OFFICIAL OR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. THESE COULD ALL TOO EASILY STRAY INTO AREAS EG CREDITS FOR THE SOVIET UNION IN WHICH THE AMERICANS ARE PUTTING REQUESTS TO US TO WHICH WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND.

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