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TELNO 164 OF Ø6 MAY INFO PRIORITY EC POSTS, UKDEL NATO, UKMIS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

YOUR TELNO 217: FALKLANDS - RENEWAL OF SANCTIONS: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTERS

- 1. IN MR TINDEMANS' ABSENCE IN CAIRO I DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE TO HIM TO ONE OF HIS ASSISTANT CHEFS DE CABINET THIS AFTERNOON. VAN DER ESPT SAID TINDEMANS WAS DUE BACK LATER TODAY (THURSDAY). YOUR MESSAGE WOULD BE HANDED TO HIM AS SOON AS HE ARRIVED.
- 2. HAVING READ IT, VAN DER ESPT SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT TINDEM ANS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY UNITY AND THE RENEWAL OF SANCTIONS, AS HIS TELEPHONE CALL TO MR HURD EARLIER THIS WEEK HAD UNDERLINED. HE MENTIONED THE QUOTE STRONG UNQUOTE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THIS MORNING BY THE EUROGROUP. VAN DER ESPT ALSO REFERRED HOWEVER TO THE APPARENT DOUBTS OF OTHERS, INSTANCING THE IRISH, DANES AND GREEKS.

THE IRISH, DANES AND GREEKS. 3. I QUESTIONED HIS REFERENCE TO THE GREEKS, SAYING THAT OUR OWN INDICATIONS ABOUT THEIR LIKELY ATTITUDE POINTED IN A MORE POSITIVE DIRECTION. I SAID THAT AS REGARDS THE DANES, THE SUGGESTION THAT RENEWAL REQUIRED UNANIMITY SO THAT IRISH OPPOSITION WOULD MEAN THAT THE EMBARGO LAPSED (COPENHAGEN TELNO 108) WAS APPARENTLY MISCONCEIVED. I STRESSED THE PASSAGE IN YOUR MESSAGE THAT COMMUNITY ACTION WAS POSSIBLE EVEN WITH ONE MEMBER STATE OPPOSING, AND SAID THAT WE WERE MAKING THIS POINT TO THE IRISH ALSO. WE HOPED THAT THE IRISH POSITION WOULD SOFTEN. 4. VAN DER ESPT SAID YOUR MESSAGE DID NOT PRESUMABLY REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY, SINCE MR TINDEMANS WOULD NO DOUBT BE SEEING YOU IN VILLERS LE TEMPLE. 5. I CONTINUE TO THINK IN THIS CONNEXION THAT IT WOULD BE PROFITABLE FOR YOU TO TRY TO SEE TINDEMANS BILATERALLY BEFORE THE INFORMAL FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING BEGINS ON 8 MAY, FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN MT TELNO 162. ANY TIME YOU CAN MAKE FOR THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE WELL SPENT, NOT LEAST IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE ASSURANCE IN YOUR EARLIER MESSAGE OF 4 MAY TO TINDEMANS THAT YOU WILL BE PLAYING YOUR PART IN THE SEARCH FOR ANEARLY AND EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE BUDGET ISSUES. J ACK SON NNNN SENT AT Ø61636Z AGP