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CAVEAT.....

After the very full discussion by Foreign Ministers last weekend you will already be aware of the reasons why I and my Government think it essential that the Community's embargo on imports from Argentina be renewed when it expires on 17 May. Anything less than this could only encourage the Argentines to believe that our resolve is weakening, and that if they maintain their intransigence their aggression will eventually attain its objective. This is the exact opposite of the signal which we need to send them in the week when they are considering the latest initiative by the Secretary-General of the United Nations - on which so much may depend. To slacken the pressure now could not fail to damage the prospects for a peaceful solution, and conversely to increase the chances of a prolonged and bitter fight. I ask you to bear these considerations in mind both in approaching the matter of the embargo and in anything said to the media in your capital, whether officially or otherwise.

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