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FALKLANDS : FRANCE/IRELAND

1. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN PARIS THAT THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE MAKING A WORKING VISIT TO PARIS FOR TALKS WITH CHEYSSON TOMORROW, 14 MAY. ACCORDING TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESS, THE TWO MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS COMMUNITY QUESTIONS (AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION) AND THE FALKLANDS.

2. I SUGGEST THAT YOU AUTHORISE ME TO PASS AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM YOU TO CHEYSSON TO SAY THAT YOU HOPE HE WILL TAKE THE CHANCE TO STIFFEN IRISH RESOLVE ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA. IF NOTHING ELSE, THIS WOULD SHOW CHEYSSON THAT WE TOOK EXPRESSIONS OF FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE U K OVER THE FALKLANDS AT THEIR FACE VALUE. THIS WOULD BE A USEFUL TACTIC, SINCE CHEYSSON'S REMARKS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY (MY TELNO 483) SUGGEST SOME INCONSISTENCY AND A READINESS TO SHELTER BEHIND OTHERS.
FRETWELL