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YOUR TELNO 980 TO WASHINGTON; FALKLANDS; EC IMPORT EMBARGO
1. AT A JOINT SESSION WITH THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
SECOND CHAMBER THIS MORNING VAN DER STOEL MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE
SAW NO CONNECTION BETWEEN RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY SANCTIONS AND
THE BRITISH ATTITUDE TO THE 30 MAY MANDATE. IN HIS VIEW A FAILURE
TO EXTEND SANCTIONS AFTER 17 MAY WOULD MERELY ENCOURAGE THE
ARGENTINIANS. HE THUS FAVOURED THEIR EXTENSION, THOUGH HE ADDED
THAT THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND
17 MAY. IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER COUNTRIES' ATTITUDES HE WOULD BE
PREPARED TO SEE SANCTIONS EXTENDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD ONLY
RATHER THAN ABRUPTLY TERMINATED.

2. WHEN I SAW VAN DER STOEL THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE MANDATE,
I THANKED HIM FOR THESE REMARKS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD OF
THE STRONG OPPOSITION TO RENEWAL IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE DANISH HESITATIONS SO THAT THERE COULD BE DIFFICULTY IN
REACHING AGREEMENT, HENCE HIS LAST COMMENT ABOUT SHORT RENEWAL.
I SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC MEASURES HAD HAD A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT
ON THE ARGENTINES SEMI COLON IT WOULD BE MADNESS TO LIFT
THEM WHEN NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK APPEARED TO BE MAKING SOME
PROGRESS.

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