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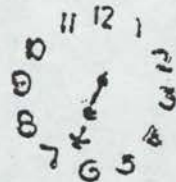
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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) 24 MAY:

FALKLANDS-EC IMPORT EMBARGO

SUMMARY

1. MINISTERS CONVERTED THEMSELVES INTO A COUNCIL TO APPROVE A REGULATION EXTENDING THE COMMUNITY'S IMPORT BAN FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD, THUS GIVING FORCE TO THEIR DECISION IN PRINCIPLE THIS MORNING (MY TELEGRAM NO 2063). THE REGULATION WILL COME INTO FORCE ON 25 MAY.

DETAIL

2. COREPER MET THIS AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER TEXTS (SEE MIFT) OF DRAFT REGULATION AND ECSC DECISION PUT FORWARD BY THE COMMISSION.

3. DANES CIRCULATED REVISED STATEMENT (TEXT ALSO IN MIFT) SAYING THAT, SINCE THEIR NATIONAL MEASURES WOULD COME INTO FORCE TOMORROW, THEY WOULD NOT APPLY THE NEW REGULATION. ITALIANS AND IRISH CONFIRMED THAT THEIR POSITION, AS DESCRIBED IN THEIR STATEMENT OF

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4. GERMANS RAISED QUESTION HOW COUNCIL DECISION WOULD BE RECORDED IN DUE COURSE. COUNCIL LEGAL SERVICES SAID THAT THE SAME PROCEDURE WOULD APPLY IN REVERSE I.E. A DECISION IN POCO FOLLOWED BY ACTION BY THE COUNCIL. NOTERDAEME (PRESIDENCY) ADDED THAT THE SENSE OF MINISTERS' DECISION EARLIER IN THE DAY HAD BEEN QUITE CLEAR: THE BAN WAS BEING EXTENDED FOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD. THERE WAS NO POINT IN DISCUSSING THE MECHANICS OF TERMINATING IT.

5. THE COUNCIL SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED THE REGULATION WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

6. PLEASE SEE MIFT (NOT TO ALL).

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