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MY TELNO 165: FALKLAND ISLANDS: ARMS SALES

- ECONOMIC DIRECTOR, MFA, RANG ME THIS MORNING TO REPORT THAT MFA AND TRANSPORT MINISTRY ARE URGENTLY PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOW LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT GREATER CONTROL OF CARGOLUX OPERAT--IONS. MADAME FLESCH IS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE THIS, BY ASSUMING FRESH LEGAL POWERS IF NECESSARY. SHE HAS SUMMONED THE BOARD OF CARGOLUX TOMORROW (INCLUDING THE ICELANDERS).
- 2. I SPOKE TODAY TO ONE OF THE SENIOR LUXEMBOURG MEMBERS OF THE CARGOLUX BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FRANSSENS. HE IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KREDIETBANK WHO ARE A SUBSTATIAL MINORITY SHAREHOLDER IN GARGO--LUX. I GAVE HIM THE BACKGROUND OF WHICH HE WAS UNAWARE. PROMISED HIS FULL SUPPPORT. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE IT PLAIN TO OLAFSSON THAT UNLESS HE BEHAVED HIMSELF FORTHWITH, HE, FRANSSENS

TO OLAFSSON THAT UNLESS HE BEHAVED HIMSELF FORTHWITH, HE, FRANSSENS WOULD NOT ONLY RESIGN FROM THE BOARD BUT ENSURE THAT KREDIETE K'S HOLDING IN GARGOLUX WAS WITHDRAWN. I ENCOURAGED HIM TO EXERT THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE, REMINDING HIM THAT LUXEMBOURG'S CREDIBILITY (UNSPOKEN THOUGHT, NOT LEAST AS A BANKING CENTRE) WAS INVOLVED.

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