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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 159 OF 10 JUNE ABVANCE COPY IMMEDIATE

YOUR TELNO 110 : BRITISH JOURNALISTS IN ARGENTINA

- 1. I HAVE TO-DAY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM M AUBERT DATED 8 JUNE IN REPLY TO YOUR MESSAGE IN TUR.
- 2. AFTER EXPRESSING THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF THE SWISS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, LETTER STATES THAT EMBASSY HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO RESPOND TO THE CONCERN SHOWN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE THREE JOURNALISTS DETAINED IN USHAIA. THUS, AS HIS DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY INFORMED THIS EMBASSY (AS REPORTED TO EMERGENCY UNIT ON Ø8 JUNE) A MEMBER OF THE SWISS EMBASSY WILL VERY PROBABLY GO TO USHAIA ON 11 JUNE TO SEE THE JOURNALISTS.
- 3. LETTER CONTINUES WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT THE SWISS EMBASSY AT

3. LETTER CONTINUES WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT THE SWISS EMBASSY AT BUENOS AIRES IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE THREE JOURNALISTS AND HAS MISSED NO OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE WITH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN THEIR FAVOUR.
IN RESPECT OF YOUR WISH TO SEE THEM TRANSFERRED TO BUENOS AIRES, MAUBERT REGRETS TO STATE THAT IN SPITE OF REPEATED DEMARCHES BY THE SWISS EMBASSY THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THEIR DECISION NOT TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER.

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