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TO FLASH BRUSSELS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 149 OF 15 JUNE

AND TO FLASH ALL OTHER EC POSTS, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK,
OTTAWA, TOKYO, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, OSLO.

INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS, UKDEL NATO, UKMIS GENEVA, BERNE.

MY TELNO 147 (NOT TO ALL): FALKLANDS: CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

1. MY TUR (NOT TO POSTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED IT AS MY
TELNO 119 TO BERNE) CONTAINS TEXT OF A MESSAGE WHICH WE HAVE
SENT TODAY TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE SWISS
PROTECTING POWER. THE SWISS HAVE TOLD US THAT IT REACHED BUENOS
AIRES AT 1330Z.

2. PLEASE APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND URGE THEM TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION THEY
THINK POSSIBLE IN BUENOS AIRES TO ENCOURAGE THE ARGENTINE
AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE
RETURN OF PRISONERS FROM THE ISLANDS. YOU SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION
TO THE STATEMET BY THE BRITISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THAT HE FINDS
HIMSELF WITH A MAJOR RELIEF OPERATION ON HIS HANDS. THE TOTAL
OF ARGENTINE PRISONERS IS SOME 15,000. THIS IS MANY MORE THAN
WE HAD EXPECTED. THEY HAVE FOOD FOR ONLY TWO OR THREE MORE DAYS.
MANY OF THEM ARE IN PITIFUL PHYSICAL CONDITION. THERE IS INADEQUATE
SHELTER AND WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE IT - PARTLY AS A RESULT
OF THE LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF TENTS ON THE ATLANTIC CONVEYOR.
WE DO NOT LIKE TO THINK WHAT MIGHT BE THE CONSEQUENCES IF
THERE WERE A DELAY IN GETTING THESE MEN
BACK TO ARGENTINA.

3. FOR WASHINGTON. THIS MAY HAVE COME UP ALREADY IN YOUR

TALKS WITH HAIG TODAY. PLEASE SPEAK TO HIM PERSONALLY AND SAY THAT THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NO DOUBT BE A PARAMOUNT FACTOR IN THIS.

4. FOR UKMIS NEW YORK. PLEASE ACT SIMILARLY WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN. THE AUTHORITY OF HIS OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH HIS PERSONAL STANDING IN BUENOS AIRES COULD BE CRUCIAL.

5. FOR ALL POSTS. TIME IS VERY SHORT. PLEASE ACT TONIGHT.

6. FOR EC POSTS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE TEXT OF OUR MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINES BY COREU TODAY.

7. FOR UKMIS GENEVA AND UKREP BRUSSELS: MY TELNO 147 TO BRUSSELS IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU SEPARATELY.

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