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TELNO 168 OF 16 JUNE
AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK AND BRASILIA

MY TELNO 166; FALKLANDS CEASEFIRE

1. AMBASSADOR HUGUENTOBLER HAS INFORMED ME THAT A TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES REPORTING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS DELEGATION AND AMBASSADOR FRANCISCO JOSE PULIT OF ARGENTINE MFA. HUGUENTOBLER PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE RESPECTED .

2. ACCORDING TO PULIT, ARGENTINE GOVERNEMNT WAS LIKELY TO TAKE A DECISION ABOUT THE BRITISH GOVERNEMNT COMMUNICATION OF 15 JUNE AT AROUND 12.00 MIDDAY LOCAL TIME TO-DAY.

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3. PULIT WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS SOME DIFFICLTIES ABOUT BRITISH COMMUNICATION. THEY WANTED ARGENTINE PRISONERS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS PRISONERS OF WAR BECAUSE THIS WOULD SUGGEST CAPITULATION AND INSTEAD WOULD LIKE THE EVACUATION OF THEIR TROOPS TO BE CONSIDERED AS QUOTE WITHDRAWL UNQUOTE LINKED WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502. OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN BUENOS AIRES WERE THEREFORE DISAPPOINTED THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD SPOKEN OF PRISONERS OF WAR IN PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT YESTERDAY.

4. HUGUENTOBLER ADDED IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS THAT THE ABOVE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS NO MORE THAN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS INDICATING ARGENTINE DIFFICULTIES. THEY WERE CONVEYED FOR OUR INFORMATION AND SWISS DID NOT EXPECT COMMENTS ON THEM BY THE BRITISH GOVERMENT. THE MAIN POINT WAS THAT ARGENTINE DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED SHORTLY (PARA 2 ABOVE).

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