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TO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 532 OF 24 JUNE  
YOUR TELNO 2555:

EC EMERGENCY AID FOR THE FALKLANDS

1. PLEASE WRITE TO PISANI ON FOLLOWING LINES:

'NOW THAT, AS WE HOPE, ALL HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC HAVE ENDED, WE ARE SEEKING TO ENSURE A STABLE FUTURE FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. AS A RESULT OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF THE PAST TWO MONTHS, MANY ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS THE WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN BADLY DISRUPTED, THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND MANY OF THE HOUSES AND ROADS IN STANLEY ARE BADLY DAMAGED. MEDICAL FACILITIES HAVE ALSO BEEN RAVAGED AND THE MEDICAL SERVICES ARE HEAVILY OVERSTRAINED. IN ADDITION THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ON THE ISLANDS NEED TO BE RESTORED. THE LIVESTOCK ON WHICH THE ISLANDERS DEPEND HEAVILY FOR THEIR INCOME HAS BEEN DECIMATED AND MUCH FARM EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE BITTER WINTER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC HELP IS NEEDED QUICKLY TO PREVENT SEVERE PHYSICAL HARDSHIP BEING ADDED TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE ISLANDERS. WE HAVE TO REPAIR AND RESTORE THE ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND, IF WE ARE TO PROVIDE THE GOOD PROSPECTS WHICH THEY NEED FOR THEIR FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A GOOD DEAL OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION WORK NEEDS TO BE STARTED SOON. OUR FORCES ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN ESSENTIAL REPAIRS AND IT WILL BE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE WE CAN ASSESS ACCURATELY THE SCALE OF PERMANENT RECONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY. BUT IT IS ALREADY CLEAR THAT THIS WILL BE A MAJOR EXERCISE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL OF COURSE PROVIDE THE MAJOR PART OF THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED. BUT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME HELP TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WHICH ARE

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ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNITY UNDER PART IV OF THE TREATY AND THROUGH THE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES DECISIONS OF 1976 AND 1980. I AM TOLD THAT 920,000 ECU REMAINS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR EMERGENCY AID TO THE OCT. EARLY DISBURSEMENT OF THIS SUM TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WOULD BE OF VERY GREAT ASSISTANCE. I HOPE THE COMMISSION WILL ENDORSE THIS REQUEST AND MAKE THE NECESSARY PROPOSALS. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY RESPONSE.'

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