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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 206 OF 07 JULY

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON BRASILIA UKMIS NEW YORK UKMIS GENEVA

YOUR TELNO 145: FALKLANDS: RETURN OF PRISONERS AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR HUGENTOBLER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 1300Z ON 07 JULY AND MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. RAMSEYER AND GHISLER WERE PRESENT ON THE SWISS SIDE. COUNSELLOR ACCOMPANIED ME.
2. HUGENTOBLER MADE NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT ACCEPTING REQUEST IN PARA 2 OF YOUR TUR AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY WITHOUT DELAY. HE BRUSHED ASIDE ANY QUESTION OF AWKWARDNESS FOR THE SWISS IN REPEATEDLY MAKING THESE DEMARCHES, SAYING THAT THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED TO DO SO AND THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD. HE NOTED YOUR POINT ABOUT DETAILS OF THE ARGENTINE REACTION.
3. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER REPORT FROM THE SWISS AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES ON THIS MATTER SINCE THAT REPORTED IN MY TELNO 204. HUGENTOBLER DREW ATTENTION TO A REPORT IN TO-DAY'S HERALD TRIBUNE AS AN INTERESTING INDICATION OF ARGENTINE ATTITUDE ON CEASEFIRE.
4. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM HUGENTOBLER OF DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING FLIGHT LT GLOVER REPEATED IN UKMIS GENEVA TELNO 387. SWISS OFFICIALS SHOWED OBVIOUS PLEASURE AT THIS NEWS AND I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT GLOVER'S RELEASE.
5. UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IS DUE IN BERNE LATER TODAY FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT, DURING WHICH FALKLANDS WILL NO DOUBT BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN HIM AND AUBERT.

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