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*See overleaf (but we still
await a reply to our latest
message). MZ*

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TELNO 212 OF 09 JULY

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YOUR TELNO 148: RETURN OF PRISONERS AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

1. I DELIVERED THE MESSAGE IN YOUR TUR TO HUGENOBLE (FDFA) THIS AFTERNOON (09 JULY), MAKING ALL YOUR POINTS AS INSTRUCTED. HUGENOBLE UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THE MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SWISS AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WE NOW WANTED ARGENTINES TO NAME THE PORT THROUGH WHICH PRISONERS SHOULD BE RETURNED.

2. HUGENOBLE HANDED ME THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE WHICH HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM THE SWISS AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES. OUR TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS SEMI COLON

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BEGINS.

THE NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE ROS HAS JUST GRANTED ME AN INTERVIEW
LASTING 30 MINUTES.

WITH REGARD TO THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN YOUR COMMUNICATION OF
2 JULY AND CONVEYED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 3 JULY,
AGUIRRE LANARI DID NO MORE THAN REPEAT THE TERMS OF HIS RECENT
PRESS CONFERENCE ; THAT IS , THAT ARGENTINA WAS ALREADY RESPECTING
THE CEASEFIRE QUOTE DE FACTO UNQUOTE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO ,
THIS IS AS FAR AS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CAN GO AT PRESENT,
FACED WITH A PUBLIC OPINION DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE DEFEAT.

HE WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S QUOTE APRES MALOUINES
UNQUOTE FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH IS PRACTICALLY THE SAME AS THE CONTENT
OF THE ARGENTINE NOTE OF 18 JUNE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT.

WITH REGARD TO THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, AGUIRRE LANARI CONFINED
HIMSELF TO POINTING OUT THAT QUOTE THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES
HAD ONLY TO-DAY RELEASED THE LAST BRITISH PRISONER IN THEIR HANDS
(FLIGHT LT. GLOVER), AND FROM NOW ON IT WAS UP TO THE BRITISH
WITHOUT NEED TO COMMUNICATE BILATERALLY WITH BUENOS AIRES,
TO LIBERATE THE HUNDREDS OF ARGENTINE OFFICERS, BADLY FED AND
SUFFERING FROM COLD, WHOM THEY STILL KEPT PRISONER, UNLESS THEY
WISHED TO PUT THEMSELVES COMPLETELY IN BREACH OF THE GENEVA
CONVENTIONS OF 1949 UNQUOTE

ENDS.

3. I UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.
HUGENTOBLER ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR BODMER HAD COMMENTED THAT NO
FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS A DEFINITIVE CEASE FIRE COULD REALISTICALLY
BE EXPECTED GIVEN THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. HE ALSO
SAID THAT YOUR LATEST MESSAGE AND SWISS REPORT ABOVE SHOWED A
VERY WELCOME CONVERGENCE.

4. I THEN ENQUIRED ABOUT PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL
COUNCILLOR AUBERT ON 08 JULY. HUGENTOBLER SAID THAT SECRETARY
GENERAL HAD COMMENTED THAT HE WAS HOPING THAT A DECISION COULD BE

COUNCILLOR AUBERT ON 28 JULY. HUGENTOBLE SAID THAT SECRETARY GENERAL HAD COMMENTED THAT HE WAS HOPING THAT A DECISION COULD BE REACHED ON THE LINES OUTLINED IN THE MESSAGE WHICH I HAD JUST HANDED OVER. HE ALSO HOPED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARGENTINES SOON.

5. HUGENTOBLE THEN ADDED SOME COMMENTS OF HIS OWN OFF THE RECORD. THE WORLD COMMUNITY OWED A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR HAVING TAKEN THE ACTION IT DID AND RESTORED THE RULE OF LAW. THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD HAD A VICTORY AND HAD HUMILIATED ARGENTINA. THE QUESTION WAS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT. THE UK AFTER NEGOTIATING WITH THE ARGENTINES FOR 17 YEARS HAD THE POSSIBILITY TO SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH THEM NOW AND PERHAPS IT WAS UNNECESSARY FOR US NOW TO CLOSE EVERY DOOR. I COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY IF THE THREAT OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES WERE REMOVED. HUGENTOBLE ACCEPTED THIS AND ADDED THAT WE ALL HAD AN INTEREST IN BRINGING ARGENTINA BACK INTO THE WESTERN COMMUNITY.

6. A COMPLEMENTARY ACCOUNT OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S VISIT TO BERNE WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED AT DESK LEVEL IS IN MIFT.

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