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YOUR TELNO 1310 TO WASHINGTON: ARGENTINA: NZ ECONOMIC MEASURES.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER, MR MULDOON, ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT THIS MORNING:

QUOTE RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT IT IS SATISFIED ACTIVE HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ARE AT AN END AND IT IS PROCEEDING WITH THE RETURN OF PRISONERS. WITH THIS WELCOME NEWS THE WAY IS CLEAR FOR NEW ZEALAND TO RESTORE THE LINKS WITH ARGENTINA SUSPENDED IN EARLY APRIL. FROM TODAY WE ARE LIFTING THE BAN ON ALL TRADE AND OTHER CONTACTS, EXCEPT FOR THE EXPORT OF STRATEGIC GOODS. WE ARE ALSO READY TO RESTORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND COUNTRIES.

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