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FRENCH ARMS FOR ARGENTINA

1. PLEASE TELL THE QUAI AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ARE NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE FRENCH HAVE HANDED OVER AM39 AND SUPER ETENDARD AIRCRAFT, PARTICULARLY WHEN ARGENTINA HAS STILL NOT ACCEPTED A DEFINITIVE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

2. YOU SHOULD ADD MY STRONG HOPE THAT, HAVING RELEASED THESE ITEMS ORDERED IN 1981, THE FRENCH WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW ORDERS FROM ARGENTINA FOR NEW AM39S OR SUPER ETENDARDS NOR FOR OTHER SENSITIVE WEAPONS. IF THERE ARE SUCH SALES IN THE FUTURE, REACTIONS HERE WILL INEVITABLY BE STRONGER. YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS TO THE FRENCH THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THEIR TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE UP TO OVER ARMS SUPPLIES TO ARGENTINA (FURTHER BACKGROUND IN ADDENDUM TO BRIEF FOR ANGLO FRENCH SUMMIT).

3. WE ARE CONFIRMING TO THE PRESS THAT YOU ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE FRENCH. YOUR APPROACH WILL NOT BE DESCRIBED AS A PROTEST AND I AM NOT CALLING IN YOUR OPPOSITE NUMBER HERE. FULLER PRESS LINE IS BEING TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY.

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