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TO IMMEDIATE UKDEL FONTAINEBLEAU (FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 5 OF 25 JUNE

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DUTY OFFICER,  
NO 10 WAS RECEIVED FROM BERNE TELEGRAM NO 268 OF 25 JUNE.

TO IMMEDIATE DESKBY FCO

TELNO 268 OF 25 JUNE

INFO ROUTINE BRASILIA

MY TELNO 227: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

SUMMARY

1. FAVOURABLE ARGENTINE REACTION TO YOUR ACCEPTANCE  
OF FORMULA OF 04 JUNE.

DETAIL

2. STATE SECRETARY INFORMED ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD  
TODAY A LONG TALK WITH DELPECHE IN BUENOS AIRES  
FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION OF YESTERDAY. DELPECHE HAD  
BEEN VERY PLEASED AT BRUNNER'S NEWS, AT THE SAME TIME  
EMPHASISING THAT THE PREPARATION OF TALKS MUST BE KEPT  
UNDER CAREFUL CONTROL AND NOT ALLOWED TO BECOME A  
POLITICAL FOOTBALL. DELPECHE HAD ACCEPTED THE BRITISH CONDITIONS  
FOR HANDLING THE SUBJECT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND AGREED THAT  
IT SHOULD BE RAISED ONCE ONLY.

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3. ON TIMING DELPECHE SAID THAT THE WEEK OF 02 JULY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ARGENTINE SIDE OWING TO THE BEAGLE CHANNEL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROPOSED THAT FEDERAL COUNCILLOR'S DINNER SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON 09 JULY WITH THE TALKS ON 10 AND 11 JULY. BRUNNER COMMENTED THAT IF THIS TIMING WAS ACCEPTABLE, THE DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE IN BERNE IN THE AFTERNOON OF 09 JULY. HE WOULD SEE THE TWO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS SEPARATELY TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DINNER THAT EVENING AT WHICH THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD MEET.

4. ON PUBLICITY DELPECHE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF NO LEAK REACHING THE PRESS ON EITHER SIDE UNTIL THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH HE PROPOSED SHOULD BE ISSUED ONLY VERY SHORTLY, A MATTER OF ONE OR TWO HOURS, BEFORE THE MEETING OPENS IN BERNE. DELPECHE EXPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT WISH THE MEETING TO BE SURROUNDED BY A CLOUD OF JOURNALISTS.

5. ON REPRESENTATION BRUNNER CONFIRMED THAT DELPECHE WILL LEAD THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION SUPPORTED BY KATZENSTEIN (IF HE HAS BY THEN RETURNED), TETTAMANTI AND MIRE.

6. ON LANGUAGE DELPECHE HAD CONFIRMED THAT SO FAR AS THE ARGENTINE SIDE WERE CONCERNED THE TALKS COULD BE CONDUCTED EITHER IN FRENCH OR IN DELEGATIONS' OWN LANGUAGES (WITH INTERPRETERS AS NECESSARY).

7. BRUNNER THEN TURNED TO THE SWISS INVITATION. HE SAID THAT THIS COULD FOLLOW THE LINES OF THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 176 EXCEPT THAT THE SENTENCE BEGINNING ''DANS L'IDEE DE S'INSPIRER'' COULD, NOW THAT A FORMULA HAD BEEN FOUND TO COVER SOVEREIGNTY, BETTER REVERT TO THE EARLIER FORM (MY TELNO 160), THOUGH WITHOUT THE PHRASE CONCERNING A SECOND PHASE OR DIFFERENT LEVEL. THIS WOULD IN FACT MEAN RESTORING THE WORDS ''SANS PREALABLES''. IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF 16 MAY (YOUR TELNO 85 PARA 2) I THOUGHT THAT THIS PHRASE MIGHT STILL BE UNWELCOME IN LONDON EVEN THOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES HAD CHANGED MEANWHILE. BRUNNER SAID THAT IN THAT CASE THE SENTENCE MIGHT BE OMITTED ALTOGETHER, THOUGH HE PERSONALLY FAVOURED A MENTION OF THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AND WOULD BE SORRY TO SEE IT TAKEN OUT.

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8. BRUNNER ALSO TOLD ME THAT IT HAD BEEN SETTLED WITH DELPECHE THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT SHOULD INVITE THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO ATTEND THE DINNER AND TALKS ON THE SAME TERMS AS PREVIOUSLY ENVISAGED (IE CHAIRMANSHIP WILL NOT BE SHARED).

9. BRUNNER IS LEAVING FOR VIENNA ON THE AFTERNOON OF 27 JUNE. BEFORE THEN HE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE YOUR REACTIONS ON:

A. OPENING DATE OF 09 JULY SEMI COLON

B. COMPOSITION OF UK DELEGATION TAKING ACCOUNT OF EQUIVALENCE SEMI COLON

C. THE RESTORATION OF ''SANS PREALABLES'' (SEE PARA 7 ABOVE).

HE HAS A COMMITMENT TO SPEAK TO DELPECHE AGAIN ON 28 JUNE.

10. BRUNNER ALSO INDICATED THAT DELPECHE HAD RESPONDED FAVOURABLY TO THE IDEAS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE TALKS DESCRIBED IN PARA 9 OF MY TUR. IN GENERAL BRUNNER EXPRESSED HIS APPROVAL OF DELPECHE'S SERIOUS APPROACH.

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