

FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (ADVANCES)

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~~MR J. FREEMAN~~ SIR J. FREEMAN
~~MR W. HARDING~~ SIR W. HARDING
~~MR GOODALL~~ MR GOODALL
~~MR O'NEILL~~ MR O'NEILL
~~MR GORDON LENNOX~~ MR GORDON LENNOX
 SIR C. TICKELL
 MR D. C. THOMAS
~~MR WESTON~~ MR WESTON
 MR MILES
 D/PUS (2)
 D/SALD
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~~MR [unclear]~~
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~~D/PLANNING STAFF~~

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 MR [unclear] AUSD STAFF MOD
 MR NICHOLL
 PS/CHANCELLOR)
 MISS M E CURD) TREASURY
 MR LITTLER)
 SIR E ARMSTRONG)
 MR [unclear] GOODALL) CABINET C
 DIO) CARTLEDGE)
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TELNO 248 OF 04 JULY

INFO PRIORITY BRASILIA

MY TELNO 241: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

1. STATE SECRETARY CONFIRMED TO ME THIS MORNING THAT CAPUTO HAS TOLD KEUSCH THAT THE WORDS "ET SANS PREALABLE" NO LONGER CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM FOR THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. TEXT OF INVITATION IS THEREFORE NOW AGREED.
2. CAPUTO HAS HOWEVER RAISED A NEW PROBLEM CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN ABOUT THE TALKS AFTER THEY HAVE TAKEN PLACE. MINISTER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN MUCH DISTURBED BY ARGENTINE PRESS TREATMENT OF YOUR STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT OF 27 JUNE (YOUR TELNO 108). HE ACCEPTED KEUSCH'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO THINK OF KEEPING CONFIDENTIAL THE FACT OF THE TALKS BEING HELD AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED ON 11 JULY AS AT PRESENT PLANNED. THE MINISTER THOUGHT HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT NEITHER SIDE SHOULD REVEAL PUBLICLY WHAT HAD HAPPENED DURING THE TALKS EXCEPT FOR ANNOUNCING POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED.
3. KEUSCH'S REPORT OF THIS CONVERSATION EMPHASISED THAT CAPUTO NOW VERY MUCH WANTS THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AND THAT HIS SUGGESTION OF LIMITING PUBLICITY WAS NOT A FINAL POSITION. HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE TALKS BY THE TWO SIDES COULD PREJUDICE THE PROSPECTS FOR A FURTHER MEETING AND DAMAGE THE ATMOSPHERE.

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4. CAPUTO WAS DUE TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH HIS ADVISERS
AND WOULD THEN RECEIVE KEUSCH A SECOND TIME. BRUNNER
HAS NOT YET RECEIVED KEUSCH'S REPORT OF THIS SECOND MEETING.
HE WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN WHEN IT ARRIVES.

5. BRUNNER'S COMMENT ON THE FOREGOING WAS THAT THE SWISS
AUTHORITIES COULD GO ALONG WITH CAPUTO'S SUGGESTION. IT WOULD
NOT BE A DIFFICULT TECHNICAL PROBLEM FOR THEM TO ENSURE THAT NO
LEAK OCCURRED ABOUT THE PROCEEDINGS IN BERNE. THERE
WERE VALID PRECEDENTS EG THE CHINESE / AMERICAN TALKS IN WARSAW.
HE UNDERSTOOD HOWEVER THAT IN LONDON A FURTHER POLITICAL
DECISION WOULD BE REQUIRED IF CAPUTO INSISTS ON HIS LATEST
SUGGESTION.

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