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SANTIAGO TELNO 163 TO FCO: SUPPLIES FOR THE FALKLANDS

- 1. THERE ARE REPORTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS THAT ARGENTINA HAS EXPRESSED ITS FORMAL DISPLEASURE TO CHILE FOR HAVING RENEWED TRADE LINKS WITH THE FALKLANDS. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY ELSA KELLY REPORTEDLY HANDED A PROTEST NOTE TO THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT OBJECTING TO THE SALE OF TIMBER, COAL, GAS AND OXYGEN FOR DELIVERY TO THE FALKLANDS ON THE DANISH SHIP QUOTE AES UNQUOTE. AN ARGENTINE SPOKESMAN HAS APPARENTLY SAID THAT THE CHILEAN ATTITUDE BREAKS LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND WOULD REFLECT NEGATIVELY ON ARGENTINE PUBLIC OPINION AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHILE AND ARGENTINA ARE NEGOTIATING A SOLUTION TO THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.
- 2. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL URUGUAYAN STATEMENT SO FAR ON THESE REPORTS.

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