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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1201 OF 23 OCTOBER

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MY TELNO 1198 (NOT TO ALL); FALKLANDS AND ALFONSI'S VISIT TO PARIS
 SUMMARY

1. ALFONSI HAS SAID NOTHING NEW IN PUBLIC.

DETAIL

2. THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT MATIGNON SAYS ALFONSI MADE A PREDICTABLE PITCH TO THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER FOR SUPPORT AT THE UN BUT WAS TOLD THE QUESTION WAS FOR DECISION BY MITTERRAND. LESS PLAUSIBLY CHEYSSON'S CABINET SAY THE FALKLANDS WERE NOT DISCUSSED BETWEEN HIM AND ALFONSI. (ALFONSI DID NOT REFER TO THEM IN HIS SPEECH TODAY (23 OCTOBER) TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)).

3. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY ALFONSI MADE NO OPENING STATEMENT. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FALKLANDS, HE SAID THAT:

A) HE HAD GIVEN NO MESSAGE TO MITTERRAND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

B) ARGENTINA WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION THROUGH DIPLOMACY, AS URGED BY THE EC, AND REJECTED ANY WORLIKE APPROACH; HE HOPED THE UK WOULD STOP BEING INTRANSIGENT SO THAT WORK COULD START ON ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING SOVEREIGNTY.

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D) HE WOULD NOT (NOT) MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT ON FALKLANDS AT STRASBOURG.

TEXT OF THESE EXCHANGES FOLLOWS BY BAG.

4. FRENCH PRESS COMMENT THIS MORNING CONCENTRATES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON DEBT AND THE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY, FULLER REPORT ON NON-FALKLANDS ASPECTS OF VISIT WILL FOLLOW. MITTERRAND HAS APPARENTLY AGREED TO VISIT ARGENTINA, PROBABLY NEXT SPRING.

5. AFTER ROME, ALFONSIN WILL VISIT ALGIERS ON HIS WAY BACK TO BUENOS AIRES.

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