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TO PRIORITY FCO  
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1. ACTION TAKEN AND INITIAL REACTION BOTH POSITIVE AND  
COMPREHENDING. SUGGESTIONS FOR DATES ETC WILL COME LATER, MEANWHILE  
ONLY PASTOR AND BLOOMER REEVE BEING INFORMED. DETAILS IN LETTER TO  
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TO PRIORITY BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 143 OF 8 JULY.

MIPT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MR RIDLEY

BEGINS :

'FOLLOWING OUR TALKS IN NEW YORK, I HAVE NOW CONSULTED MY COLLEAGUES. I AM SORRY THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT YOU EARLIER.

IN NEW YORK AND SUBSEQUENTLY THROUGH AMBASSADOR ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER FOR AN INFORMAL AND WIDE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS. I CONTINUE TO BE MUCH ATTRACTED BY THIS IDEA, AS YOU KNOW FROM MY MENTION OF A FISHING PARTY. HOWEVER, ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, I BELIEVE THAT OUR PURPOSE WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY AN ENTIRELY PRIVATE MEETING DURING WHICH WE WOULD EXPLORE EACH OTHER'S IDEAS FREELY WITHOUT ANY PRESSURES FROM PUBLICITY. YOU MAY AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DO THIS IN YOUR COUNTRY OR MINE - AND LEAST OF ALL ON A RIVER BANK

I SHOULD LIKE THEREFORE TO PROPOSE THAT WE TRY AND MEET IN PRIVACY FOR A FRANK AND PERSONAL TALK. BETWEEN 9 AND 12 SEPTEMBER WOULD SUIT ME - BUT LATER DATES THAT SUIT YOU WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. THIS MIGHT PERHAPS BE BEST IN EUROPE (GENEVA OR VENICE MIGHT BE SUITABLE VENUES). I WOULD PROPOSE BRINGING ONLY ONE SPANISH SPEAKING OFFICIAL WITH ME. WE WOULD NEED, I IMAGINE, ONE OR AT THE MOST TWO DAYS TOGETHER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

BEST WISHES.  
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1. MINISTERS HAVE NOW CONSIDERED THE OPTIONS FOR PROGRESS IN THE DISPUTE. STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT MR RIDLEY SHOULD SEEK A FURTHER EXPLORATORY AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL MEETING WITH CAVANDOLI IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BASED ON LEASE-BACK AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES. IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH A MEETING, MINISTERS WOULD CONSIDER THE PROSPECTS AND DECIDE WHETHER TO SEEK ISLANDERS' VIEWS AND TO UNDERTAKE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.
2. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS PROPOSED SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, BOTH ON ARGENTINE SIDE AND OURS. IF ISLANDERS OR THE LOBBY WERE TO GET ANY WIND OF IT AT THIS STAGE AND WERE TO CLAIM THAT WE WERE GOING BEHIND THEIR BACKS, THE POLITICAL DAMAGE WOULD BE VERY SERIOUS.
3. PLEASE NOW DELIVER PERSONALLY TO CAVANDOLI MESSAGE IN MIFT (WHICH IS DELIBERATELY COUCHED IN VERY GENERAL TERMS). WHEN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD STRESS OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SECRECY BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER ANY MEETING. ANY LEAKAGE WOULD PUT AT RISK ANY PROSPECT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WANT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT A VENUE WHERE MINISTERS' PRESENCE WOULD ATTRACT NO ATTENTION. HARDING ONLY WOULD ACCOMPANY MR RIDLEY AND WE WOULD EXPECT ARGENTINE SIDE TO BE SIMILARLY RESTRICTED.
4. WE ARE INFORMING ORTIZ DE ROZAS OF THE MESSAGE.

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