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FOR RESIDENT CLERK
YOUR TELEGRAM NO 103: FALKLANDS CRISIS

BCAL'S DECISION NOT TO COME ON WEDNESDAY TO BUENOS AIRES AFTER ALL LEAVES US IN A QUANDARY SINCE, WITH BBC GIVING THE MESSAGE WE SUGGESTED, NORMALLY HEAVILY BOOKED ALTERNATIVE SERVICES AT BEGINNING OF EASTER WEEKEND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT HAVE AVAILABLE FOR US THE FORTY SEATS WE NEED BEFORE THE ARGENTINE DEADLINE OF GOOD FRIDAY MIDDAY. THE SWISS ARE INSISTANT THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD TRAVEL AS A BODY AND WE HAVE THE DOUBLE COMPLICATION OF LOTS OF BAGGAGE AND SMALL CHILDREN. WE SHALL GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF TRYING TO GET INDIVIDUAL PASSAGES TOMORROW MORNING OUR TIME, WHEN YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE PASSED MIDDAY. BEING FAIRLY CONFIDENT HOWEVER WE SHALL NOT SUCCEED I URGE STRONGLY THAT PSD BE MEANWHILE ASKED TO RECONSIDER FIRST THING ON MONDAY MORNING THEIR DECISION AGAINST A CHARTERED FLIGHT. IF THIS, OR AN RAF FLIGHT CANNOT BE ORGANISED TO BUENOS AIRES, WE COULD PROBABLY MANAGE TO HIRE A BUS TO TAKE US ALL THE LONG WAY ROUND OVER THE BRIDGES TO MONTEVIDEO - A NINE OR TEN HOUR JOURNEY.

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