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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 99 OF 05 APRIL

YOUR TELNO 63 TO ANKARA: FALKLANDS.

1. I SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING WHEN HE TELEPHONED ME ON THIS SUBJECT. HE CONFIRMED THAT (A) AND (B) OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF YOUR TUR WERE INAPPLICABLE (NZ HAS NO RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES) SEMI COLON BUT THAT 5(C) WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM, THOUGH NZ TRADE WITH THE ARGENTINE WAS MINIMAL.

2. MR MULDOON ASKED ABOUT BREAKING OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. I SAID I HAD RECEIVED NO SUGGESTION THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE. HE SAID THE MFA HAD PUT UP A RECOMMENDATION THAT RELATIONS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN CASE NZ COULD PERFORM A COMMUNICATIONS ROLE. MR MULDOON DISCOUNTED THIS AND THOUGHT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, WHICH WAS ABOUT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO THIS FAR (HE IMPLIED THAT HE WAS ONE OF THEM).

3. I REINFORCED THIS DEMARCHE WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR TELNO 62 TO UKDEL IMF/IBRD.

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