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TO FLASH BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NO 105 OF 5 APRIL

TO INFO IMMEDIATE BERNE AND HONG KONG

OUR TELS 150 AND 155 AND HONG KONG TEL 311 (NOT COPIED TO YOU)  
BREAK OF RELATIONS

1. BECAUSE IT ENTAILS THE RETENTION OF PREMISES AND OFFICIALS OF THE SENDING STATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERESTS SECTION REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF THE RECEIVING STATE. IN GIVING ITS CONSENT THE RECEIVING STATE MAY THEREFORE IMPOSE CONDITIONS: THUS IN PRACTICE THE FACILITIES WHICH THE RESPECTIVE INTERESTS SECTIONS WILL ENJOY IS A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION AND IS OF COURSE SUBJECT TO RECIPROCITY.

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2. ALTHOUGH THE ARGENTINES APPEAR TO HAVE RULED OUT ANY RETENTION BY US OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, THE SWISS EMBASSY HERE HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD THEMSELVES SEE NO OBJECTION TO OUR RETAINING THESE (INCLUDING CYPHERS) IF THE ARGENTINES WERE AGREEABLE. IT WOULD CLEARLY BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE AND WE WOULD SEE NO PROBLEM ON RECIPROCITY. YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THIS.

3. A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NEED NOT AFFECT CONSULAR RELATIONS, BUT WE SEE NO NEED TO ALLOW THE ARGENTINES TO KEEP OPEN THEIR CONSULAR POSTS IN LIVERPOOL AND HONG KONG. SINCE, HOWEVER, THEIR CLOSURE WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR OUR HONARARY CONSULS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS. BUT UNLESS YOU SEE ANY STRONG OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD INFORM THE ARGENTINES TO CLOSE BOTH CONSULATES AND THAT THE STAFF SHOULD LEAVE BY 10 APRIL.

4. THE ARGENTINES HAVE ASKED THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY HERE IF THE STAFF OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SECTION COULD REMAIN. THOSE WHO ARE DIPLOMATIC OR A AND T WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CEILING ON NUMBERS. LOCALLY ENGAGED STAFF WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

5. THEY HAVE ALSO ASKED IF THE CORPORATION OF ARGENTINE MEAT PRODUCERS WHICH HAS PREMISES IN THE CITY AND IS HEADED BY A

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SR. LAHITTE CAN REMAIN. HE IS NOT NOTIFIED TO US AS A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW NO EMBASSY STAFF WORK FOR HIM. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONSIDERING WITH THE HOME OFFICE WHETHER ARGENTINE-BASED EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION SHOULD HAVE THEIR VISAS REVOKED.

6. WE COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY OF THE ARGENTINE-BASED STAFF OF THE NAVAL COMMISSION STAYING SINCE IT COMES DIRECTLY UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAL ATTACHE, SOME OF WHOSE STAFF APPEAR TO WORK FOR

THE COMMISSION. WE SHALL TAKE ACTION HERE ACCORDINGLY.

7. IT THEREFORE SEEMS DOUBTFUL IF WE COULD OFFER ANYTHING IN RETURN FOR THE ARGENTINES AGREEING TO THE THREE BRITISH COUNCIL STAFF KEEPING THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATUS. HOWEVER IF THEY LOSE SUCH STATUS, WOULD THEY BE ALLOWED TO STAY ON AND IF SO WOULD THEY WISH TO STAY AND WHAT WOULD THEY BE DOING IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES? WE CAN SEE NO NEED FOR THEM TO STAY AND WOULD NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSION TO ENABLE THEM TO STAY.

8. THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY HERE THE ARGENTINES HAVE ASKED IF THEIR QUOTE OFFICIAL BUILDINGS UNQUOTE WOULD REMAIN UNDER THEIR QUOTE JURISDICTION UNQUOTE OR THAT OF THE PROTECTING POWER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 45 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WE SHALL RESPECT AND PROTECT ANY PARTS OF

THEIR MISSION WHICH ARE NOT USED FOR THE INTERESTS SECTION. THE INTERESTS SECTION ITSELF WILL IN LAW BE PART OF THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY TO WHOM THE CUSTODY OF THE OTHER PARTS OF THE MISSION CAN ALSO BE ENTRUSTED.

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