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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 162 OF 6/4/82

MY TEL NO 161: FALKLANDS.

1. AT A RECEPTION FOR THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION LAST NIGHT I WAS ABLE TO HAVE BRIEF WORDS WITH BOTH THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY STRESSING THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO JAPANESE SUPPORT.

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2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THEY SOUGHT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. I REPLIED THAT WE ALSO SOUGHT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT A PREREQUISITE WAS ARGENTINE WITH DRAWAL FROM THE ISLANDS AND WE LOOKED TO JAPAN TO EXERT MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINIANS. THE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY COMMENTED '!! GOD HELP THE BRITISH!!'. I REPLIED THAT WE SOUGHT JAPANESE SUPPORT NOW.

3. LATER THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER HAD TOLD ME THAT JAPAN WOULD SUPPORT US IF '!! BRITAIN DOES NOT RESORT TO FORCE TO SOLVE THE ISSUE

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