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1. YOUR TELEGRAM NO 71 TO BRUSSELS: ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO MACFARLANE (DEPUTY TO JUDGE CLARK) AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT 5.30 THIS EVENING. MACFARLANE WAS DUE TO SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT AT 6.0 PM AND UNDERTOOK TO RAISE IT WITH HIM STRAIGHT AWAY. A COPY WAS DELIVERED AT THE SAME TIME TO STOESEL.
3. MACFARLANE SAID THAT AS THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL REACTION TO THE ARGENTINE SEIZURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAD MADE CLEAR, HE HAD EVERY SYMPATHY WITH THE BRITISH POSITION. HE HAD BEEN EXTREMELY CHAGRINED, TO SAY THE LEAST, THAT HIS INTERVENTION WITH PRESIDENT GAUTIERI HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING THE ARGENTINIAN ACTION. BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAIG FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
4. MACFARLANE'S PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT, IF THE US WAS TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN INFLUENCING THE ARGENTINIANS, THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN NOT TILTING TOO FAR IN THE DIRECTION OF ONE SIDE. BUT IN SAYING THIS HE DID NOT WISH TO PRE-JUDGE THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. HE RECOGNISED THAT WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE A RESPONSE BEFORE THE PRESIDENT LEFT FOR THE WEST INDIES TOMORROW AND UNDERTOOK TO DO HIS BEST TO OBTAIN ONE.

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