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TELEGRAM NUMBER 187 OF 07 APRIL

YOUR TELNOS 71 AND 72: FALKLAND ISLANDS: ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA

1. ON RECEIVING THESE TELEGRAMS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I AT ONCE ASKED FOR AN URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH MR TRUDEAU. HE WAS AWAY YESTERDAY, IS TIED UP WITH MEETINGS THIS MORNING AND IS LEAVING FOR JAMAICA FOR A SHORT HOLIDAY TONIGHT BUT I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEE HIM EARLY THIS AFTERNOON POSSIBLY ABOUT 9 P.M. LONDON TIME. IT SEEMS TO ME IMPORTANT THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I SHOULD SEE HIM PERSONALLY ABOUT THIS. AS YOU WILL KNOW FROM MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 185 I AM NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF CANADA AGREEING TO OUR REQUEST THAT SHE SHOULD IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA AND I THINK THAT THE ONLY FAINT POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THEM TO ACT WILL BE TO GO TO THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF. HIS WILL BE THE DECISIVE VOICE AND IN ANY EVENT I MAY BE ABLE TO TELL FROM HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION HOW FAR THE CANADIANS ARE PREPARED TO GO. MOREOVER, SINCE HE IS GOING OFF ON HOLIDAY THE MINISTERS LEFT IN CHARGE HERE WILL ONLY ACT ON THE BASIS OF WHATEVER GENERAL DIRECTIVE HE GIVES THEM.

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