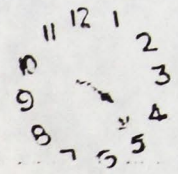


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YOUR TEL NO 165: BAN ON ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA

1. CHEYSSON'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN ENDORSED AND RE-AFFIRMED BY THE FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AS REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM NO 325. I THINK WE HAVE TO REST ON THAT AS FAR AS CHEYSSON IS CONCERNED. WE WILL PURSUE THE QUESTION OF SPECIFIC WEAPONS IN THE TALKS WHICH THE ACTING DEFENCE ATTACHE IS HOLDING WITH THE FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTRY ON THE BASIS WHICH I AGREED WITH CHEYSSON (SEE ADA'S SIGNAL U2J OF 7 APRIL TO MODUK, COPIED TO DEFENCE DEPARTMENT FCO).
2. CHEYSSON EMPHASISED THE GREAT DELICACY OF THE INFORMATION WHICH THE FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE. IN THIS RESPECT THEY ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL.

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