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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 327 OF 7 APRIL 1982

INFO PRIORITY UKREP BRUSSELS

MY TEL NO 325: EC/ARGENTINE

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH DURING THE DAY WITH PAYE'S OFFICE AND WITH BERNARD IN CHEYSSON'S CABINET TO PRESS FOR AN EARLY FAVOURABLE RESPONSE AND TO TRY TO CLEAR UP FRENCH WORRIES ABOUT THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 224. BERNARD TOLD FINANCIAL COUNCELLOR THAT THE REQUESTS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER WERE BEING STUDIED INTENSIVELY AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRMED ITS POLITICAL SOLIDARITY WITH BRITAIN IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS COMMUNIQUE (MY TUR) AND IT WAS HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES WOULD BE FINALISED TOMORROW.

2. WE HAVE NOW TAKEN PARALLEL ACTION WITH JOUVEN IN DELORS' CABINET AND DELPECHE IN JOBERT'S CABINET. JOUVEN SAID THAT DELORS HAD BEEN PUT FULLY IN THE PICTURE ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S BILATERAL APPROACHES AND THE DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS AND WAS DISCUSSING THEM WITH CHEYSSON AND THE ELYSEE. DELPECHE COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD BRIEF JOBERT THOUGH CHEYSSON AND THE QUAI WERE IN THE LEAD ON THESE QUESTIONS.

3. WITH THE REPLACEMENT ON ACHARD BY PREVEL AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SGCI (MY TEL NO 322) THE SGCI ARE APPARENTLY TAKING A BACK SEAT IN THE DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE NEVERTHELESS IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

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