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FROM FCO 080953Z APR 82  
TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 57 OF 8 APRIL  
INFO PRIORITY UKREP BRUSSELS

MY TELNO 72 TO BRUSSELS.  
IRISH REPUBLIC; FALKLANDS

1. THE IRISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ASKED TO SEE GOODISON URGENTLY TO-DAY. HE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MR HAUGHEY WAS BEING GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY IN DUBLIN. HE FEARED THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO REPLY TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD BE AWARE OF IRISH SYMPATHY FROM THE SUPPORT WHICH THEY HAD GIVEN US IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE QUESTION OF TRADE SANCTIONS. THEY IMPORTED VERY LITTLE FROM ARGENTINA. A FEW IRISH FIRMS DID SOME SUBSTANTIAL EXPORT TRADE AND WERE IN RATHER AN EXPOSED POSITION. A FEW CREDITS HAD BEEN EXTENDED. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY DISCUSSION IN COREPER. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH THEY HAD TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WAS THAT THEY HAD QUITE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AS WELL AS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. THEY MIGHT WELL LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF SANCTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR WISH TO HELP BOTH SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. DEMPSEY STRESSED THAT THE IRISH WERE NOT TAKING A NEGATIVE VIEW. THEY HAD SIMPLY NOT REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS. HE HAD COME TO SEE GOODISON URGENTLY BECAUSE OF REPORTS IN TO-DAY'S DUBLIN PRESS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS !COOL! AND DISPOSED TO !SNUB! HMG. THIS WAS AN OVERDRAMATISATION OF A TECHNICAL MATTER.

4. GOODISON THANKED HIM FOR IRISH SUPPORT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE HAD NOTED CAREFULLY WHAT DEMPSEY HAD SAID. HE WAS SURE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO MRS THATCHER'S MESSAGE, TO WHICH HE SAW NO NEED TO ADD.

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