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TELEGRAM NUMBER 184 OF 3TH APRIL

FOR INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK WASHINGTON AND UKDEL NATO.

WASHINGTON TELNO 1152: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SOVIET TREATMENT.

1. NEITHER WE NOR THE WEST GERMANY EMBASSY HERE HAVE ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN BONN THAT THERE IS A CONCERTED SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO SUGGEST THAT THE US IS DISTANCING ITSELF FROM THE UK. ON THE CONTRARY, THE SOVIET PRESS IN THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS HAS RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT US RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL SUFFER AS A RESULT OF ITS ASSOCIATION WITH BRITAIN.

2. WHEN I SPOKE TO THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE CRISIS (MY TELNO 181) SEMEONOV DID NOT REFER TO THE US POSITION EXCEPT TO ENQUIRE ABOUT HAIG'S ACTIVITIES. SEMEONOV DID REFER TO THE SPEECH BY GROMYKO IN BELGRADE ON 4 APRIL BUT NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE US POSITION (SEE MY TELEGRAM NO 181.)

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