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TO IMMEDIATE BERNE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 75 OF 28 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, BRUSSELS AND  
OTHER NATO POSTS, BRASILIA, MONTEVIDEO, SANTIAGO  
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1. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS TO CONVEY URGENTLY TO THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM HMG:  
BEGINS

IN ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE  
AROUND THE FALKLANDS HMG MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS MEASURE WAS  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE UK TO TAKE WHATEVER  
ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE NEEDED IN EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT  
TO SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER. IN THIS  
CONNECTION HMG NOW WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ALL ARGENTINE  
VESSELS, INCLUDING MERCHANT VESSELS OR FISHING VESSELS,  
APPARENTLY ENGAGING IN SURVEILLANCE OF, OR INTELLIGENCE  
GATHERING ACTIVITIES AGAINST, BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTH  
ATLANTIC WILL BE REGARDED AS HOSTILE AND ARE LIABLE TO BE DEALT  
WITH ACCORDINGLY.

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2. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE ARGENTINES,  
WHEN THEY HAND OVER THIS COMMUNICATION, THAT HMG WILL REGARD  
IT AS COMING INTO EFFECT 24 HOURS AFTER THE TIME OF DELIVERY  
TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AS REPORTED TO US BY THE SWISS.  
WE PROPOSE THEREAFTER TO INSTRUCT UKMIS NEW YORK TO CONVEY  
THE TERMS OF THE COMMUNICATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR CIRCULATION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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TELNO 84 OF 28 APRIL

INFO PRIORITY BRASILIA, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, UKMIS GENEVA.

1. A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS AT 2045Z REPORTED THAT HMG'S COMMUNICATION DECLARING  
A TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE (TELNO 065 OF 28 APRIL) WAS DELIVERED  
TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AT 1710 ARGENTINE TIME 28 APRIL.

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