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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 335 OF 13 APRIL 1982

INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS

YOUR TEL NO 80 TO BRUSSELS AND TELECON MISS SPENCER/MISS LAMBERT:
EC/ARGENTINA.

1. I SPOKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN TUR TO GUTMANN, SECRETARY -GENERAL OF THE QUAI. MISS SPENCER CALLED ON BOCHET, CHEF DU SERVICE DE COOPERATION ECONOMIQUE AND ON PREVEL, RECENTLY APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SQCI, AND LEFT WITH BOTH A SPEAKING NOTE ON THE LINES OF PARAGRAPHS 2, 3 AND 5 OF TUR.

2. GUTMANN AND PREVEL (WHO WAS ABOUT TO CALL A MEETING OF OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW'S COREPER) APPEARED TO SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO AGREE TO A DRAFT REGULATION AT TOMORROW'S MEETING. BOTH ACCEPTED THAT A BAN ON ARGENTINE IMPORTS LASTING ONLY 15 DAYS WOULD BE INADEQUATE AND THAT 30 DAYS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE AS AN INITIAL PERIOD. (BOCHET SUGGESTED THAT A 15-DAY BAN MIGHT SERVE AS A MORE EFFECTIVE SIGNAL TO THE ARGENTINES THAT THE COMMUNITY INTENDED THAT THE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SHOULD BE SPEEDILY ENDED.) OUR INTERLOCUTORS ACCEPTED THAT THE UK'S IMPORT BAN SHOULD REMAIN IN PLACE. PREVEL TOOK THE POINT THAT THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY A LEGAL AND TECHNICAL MATTER WHICH MIGHT BE RESOLVED BY INSERTING SUITABLE WORDING IN THE REGULATION.

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