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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 210 OF 15 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, ROUTINE UKMIS NEW YORK AND UKDEL NATO

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT TO CANADIANS THAT THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN US AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHICH APPEARS TO THEM TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE OUTSET NEUTRAL AS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE ARGENTINE DESPITE U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE U.N. RESOLUTION AND THE DELICACY OF THE U.S. POSITION WHILE THEIR MEDIATION EFFORTS CONTINUE.

2. I HAVE BEEN PRESSED STRONGLY ON THIS BOTH PRIVATELY BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS M. DE BANE, WHO ON 13 APRIL ASKED ME ABOUT THE LEADING ARTICLE IN THE TIMES ON 12 APRIL AND PUBLICLY, NOTABLY IN TELEVISION INTERVIEWS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING WHEN INTERVIEWERS QUOTED WHAT MR HEALEY SAID IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY AND OTHER REPORTS OF BRITISH DISSATISFACTION WITH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE. IN ALL CASES I HAVE STUCK FIRMLY TO QUOTING THE PM'S PRAISE OF MR HAIG IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY AND YOUR OWN REMARKS ABOUT THIS, AND HAVE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO CRITICISM OF THE U.S. LINE.

3. ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE OR BACKGROUND YOU CAN GIVE US ON THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL BEARING IN MIND THAT CANADA IS A NEIGHBOUR OF THE U.S. AND GREATLY INVOLVED WITH THEM.

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