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FROM DUBLIN 231600Z APRIL 1982.
TO IMMEDIATE F C O (DESKBY 231720Z)
TELEGRAM NUMBER 109 OF 23 APRIL.
AND TO IMMEDIATE INFO WASHINGTON, UKREP BRUSSELS, BRUSSELS, PARIS,
BONN, COPENHAGEN, ATHENS, LUXEMBOURG, ROME AND THE HAGUE.

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154 YOUR TELNO 61 (NOT TO ALL): FALKLANDS.

1. I CALLED ON THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER JUST AFTER 3 PM AND MADE THE POINTS IN YOUR TELNO 61. A COPY OF MY SPEAKING NOTE, WHICH I LEFT WITH DONLON, SECRETARY OF THE D F A WHO WAS PRESENT, FOLLOWS BY BAG. IT ALSO COVERED THE EXPORT CREDIT POINT IN YOUR TELNO 342 TO UKREP BRUSSELS.

2. MR COLLINS SAID THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAD GONE A LONG WAY TO HELP. THE FALKLANDS CRISIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD BEEN ASKED IN THE COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH ANYTHING QUITE SO SERIOUS AND A PRECEDENT WAS BEING CREATED. THEY WANTED TIME TO REFLECT ON WHICH WAY THEY WERE GOING AND DID NOT SIMPLY WISH TO BE SUCKED ALONG BY BEING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, THEY FULLY RECOGNISED THE DIFFICULTY WE WERE IN.

3. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE FAILURE TO AGREE ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES AT THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL THIS WEEK WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S MIND. MR COLLINS SAID THAT THEY DID NOT LIKE THE WAY MR BUCHANAN-SMITH HAD EXPLICITLY LINKED AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES WITH MORE PROGRESS ON THE MANDATE, WHEN MR PYM HAD SAID AT THE TUESDAY MEETING THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. THIS LED HIM TO ASK WHY WHAT WE WERE NOW REQUESTING THE PRESIDENCY TO DO HAD NOT BEEN RAISED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. HE ASKED FURTHER WHY WE WERE TRYING TO GET THE COMMUNITY TO DO IN THE THIRD COUNTRIES WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE DOING OURSELVES. I SAID THAT WE HOPED THE PRESIDENCY WOULD ACT ON BEHALF OF THE TEN WHICH WOULD CARRY FAR MORE AUTHORITY THAN ANYTHING WE COULD DO ON OUR OWN. HE SEEMED TO TAKE THIS POINT.

4. WE THEN DISCUSSED IN WHAT CAPITALS ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN. I SPOKE AS IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 7 OF BRUSSELS TELNO 135 AND SAID THAT WE MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHERE IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE PRESIDENCY WOULD EXPLAIN MATTERS POLITICALLY AND THE OTHERS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WHERE SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC MEASURES WOULD ALSO BE SOUGHT. BUT I WAS NOT ABLE TO SPECIFY COUNTRIES IN EITHER CATEGORY. THIS CAUSED SLIGHT CONFUSION BECAUSE THE IRISH HAD A TELEGRAM DATED WEDNESDAY FROM LONDON (PRESUMABLY THEIR EMBASSY) WHERE LISTS OF VARIOUS CAPITALS WERE SPELLED OUT INCLUDING WASHINGTON. BY REFERENCE TO BRUSSELS TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE ON EITHER LIST.

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5. AS I WAS LEAVING DONLON TOLD ME THAT IT HAD BEEN RATHER UNFORTUNATE THAT AT THE CABINET MEETING THIS MORNING THE FIRST ITEM WAS MR LENIHAN'S ACCOUNT OF THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' MEETING AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS. THE MOOD OF THE CABINET WAS THAT WE WERE REALLY ASKING FOR MUCH MORE COOPERATION THAN WE DESERVED IN VIEW OF OUR LINKAGE OF THE PRICES AND THE MANDATE.

6. MR COLLINS WAS IN A FAIRLY BOISTEROUS MOOD AND SAID HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING MY CALL. THE MORNING'S CABINET MEETING WAS OBVIOUSLY MUCH IN HIS MIND. HOWEVER, HE UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON ALL I HAD SAID TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING MR PYM ON MONDAY. ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SAY WHETHER MY REPRESENTATIONS WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT, THERE IS I THINK A CHANCE THAT THE IRISH POSITION WILL BE LESS NEGATIVE.

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