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FALKLANDS: MESSAGE FROM ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. MIFT CONTAINS TRANSLATION OF A MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM COLOMBO DELIVERED HERE ON 30 APRIL WHICH WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU SAW BEFORE DEPARTING. ROME TELNOS 221-223 ARE ALSO RELEVANT.

2. HM EMBASSY ROME TOLD US THAT HM AMBASSADOR IS AT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY CONFERENCE IN ROME TODAY AND TOMORROW 3 MAY, WHERE HE MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK TO BOTH COLOMBO AND SPADOLINI.

3. AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING AT CHEQUERS TODAY THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE SIGNS OF DISQUIET THAT ITALY AND ONE OR TWO OTHER PARTNERS AND ALLIES ARE SHOWING. THE CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MIGHT NEED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE TEN AND ELSEWHERE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

4. YOU MAY THINK THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SIR R ARCULUS IF HE COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER A REPLY FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO COLOMBO DURING THE CD CONFERENCE. MY SECOND IFT CONTAINS A DRAFT.

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