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Emergency Unit

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FALKLANDS: ITALIAN ATTITUDE

1. Chancery Rome rang at 8.30 this morning to say that HM Ambassador would be attending the Christian Democrat Party Conference beginning in Rome this afternoon and continuing all day tomorrow 3 May. He would have opportunities to see both Colombo and Spadolini in the corridors and wondered whether there was any special message to pass on following British military action, bearing in mind that the Italians had been becoming increasingly shaky on the Falklands issue.

2. I said that no special messages to Heads of Government or Foreign Ministers were envisaged at the moment but I undertook to record Rome's views and to let them know if there was anything in particular that we wanted them to say.

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Emergency Unit

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I have drafted 3 telegrams after talking to the Resident Clerk (who spoke to Mr Holmes) and to the PUS.

The tds can be despatched please.
Please add suitable DEBKBYs if necessary.

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