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DUBLIN TELNOS 120 AND 121: FALKLANDS : IRISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

1. MY IRISH COLLEAGUE (DORR) HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY UNHAPPY AS THE CRISIS HAS DEVELOPED. WHILE EXPRESSING GRUDGING ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH WE HAVE BUILT UP DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA, HE OBVIOUSLY LONGS TO ASSUME THE MEDIATORY ROLE HE HAS PLAYED IN THE COUNCIL IN OTHER CONTEXTS. I HAVE FIRMLY DISCOURAGED HIM: I THINK ALSO THAT HE FEELS SOMEWHAT CONSTRAINED BY THE FACT THAT IRELAND IS A PARTY TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA. BUT THIS LATEST STATEMENT FROM DUBLIN INCREASES THE RISK THAT THE LEASH WILL SNAP AND HE WILL LEAD THE DO-GOODERS INTO THE COUNCIL AGAINST OUR INTERESTS.
2. AS SEEN FROM HERE, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ACTION COULD BE TAKEN IN DUBLIN TO DISCOURAGE THE IRISH FROM BREAKING RANKS. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING SIR N HENDERSON TO ASK HAIG TO LET THE IRISH GOVERNMENT KNOW THAT HE DOES NOT WANT THE UN TO GET INTO THE ACT.

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