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TO IMMEDIATE PARIS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 216 OF 5 MAY

AND TO IMMEDIATE OTHER EC CAPITALS, UKREP BRUSSELS, CANBERRA,  
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FALKLANDS: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING THE INCIDENTS IN WHICH THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN  
ENGAGED IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, I KNOW OF THE CONCERN AMONGST  
SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE FIRMFNESS OF OUR MILITARY RESPONSES.  
IT IS THEREFORE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT I KEEP OUR COLLEAGUES  
IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE OLD COMMONWEALTH AND NORWAY  
INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AND ABOUT OUR LATEST THINKING.

2. MIFT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME  
TO M CHEYSSON, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN OTHER CAPITALS TO WHICH  
THIS TELEGRAM IS ADDRESSED AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION,  
WHICH I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TODAY ABOUT  
REFERRAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION  
OF EC SANCTIONS, I HAVE ADDED A FURTHER MESSAGE TO DUBLIN ONLY.

4. SEE MIFT.

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