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YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS 216-7 TO PARIS: FALKLANDS: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. AFTER NARROWLY FAILING TO TRACK COLOMBO DOWN AT THE DC CONGRESS, I DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE TO HIS OFFICE SHORTLY BEFORE HE AND SPADOLINI LEFT FOR BILATERAL ITALIAN-GERMAN TALKS WITH SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER IN HAMBURG. WE ALSO SENT A COPY TO SPADOLINI'S OFFICE. I TOLD COLOMBO'S OFFICE THAT THE ARGENTINES WERE WEAKENING. IT WAS VITAL THAT THE EUROPEANS SHOULD STICK TOGETHER AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, KEEP COOL AND NOT WOBBLE. I ALSO WENT OVER THE LINK BETWEEN A CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES, STRESSING HOW FUNDAMENTAL THE LATTER POINT WAS FOR US.
2. SPADOLINI'S OFFICE YESTERDAY ISSUED ANOTHER COMMUNIQUE (TEXT BY BAG). IT WAS GOOD ON RESOLUTION 502, THOUGH STILL LEANING TOWARDS A CEASEFIRE AS A FIRST STEP. THE COMMUNIQUE IMPLIED THAT ITALIAN, GERMAN AND FRENCH ATTITUDES WERE VERY CLOSE.
3. FCO PSE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES

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