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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 FUNDAM-
ENTAL 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 TO-
WARDS A CEASEFIRE AS A FIRST STEP. THE COMMUNIQUE IMPLIED THAT ITA-
LIAN, GERMAN AND FRENCH ATTITUDES WERE VERY CLOSE.
3. FCO PSE PASS SAYING ADDRESSEES

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