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1. I LEARNED FROM RUGGIERO (IN STRICT CONFIDENCE) YESTERDAY THAT COLOMBO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD FIGHT HARD IN THE ITALIAN CABINET TO GET APPROVAL FOR EXTENDING THE EMBARGO FOR ANOTHER MONTH. BUT COLOMBO WILL BE IN ISRAEL THIS FRIDAY AND SO HAS ASKED SPADOLINI TO HAVE THE MEETING OF THE CABINET ON SATURDAY. THE ITALIAN POSITION WILL THEREFORE NOT BECOME CLEAR UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT OR SUNDAY MORNING. COLOMBO FORESEES A VERY DIFFICULT MEETING.

2. I HAVE HEARD FROM ERSBOELL (EQUALLY IN STRICT CONFIDENCE) THAT THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK THAT OLESEN WILL COMMIT HIMSELF TO THE DANISH PARLIAMENT AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NEVER TO AGREE TO USE ARTICLE 113 FOR SANCTIONS AGAIN. ERSBOELL (WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT JUST SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY APRIL) IS TELEPHONING COPENHAGEN TO STRESS THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES THAT SUCH A COMMITMENT WOULD CREATE FOR THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS NOW BUT ON OTHER ISSUES IN FUTURE. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HM AMBASSADOR (WITHOUT REFERRING TO ERSBOELL) COULD REINFORCE HIS ARGUMENTS WITH THE RIGHT DANES. HE IS TRYING TO GET THE PRESIDENCY TO DO SO. (THE DANISH REPRESENTATION HAVE PRIVATELY MADE THE SAME SUGGESTION TO US.)

3. OLESEN MADE IT CLEAR AT VILLERS-LE-TEMPLE THAT A POLITICAL DECISION THAT SANCTIONS SHOULD BE RENEWED WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN IN THE POLITICAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK BEFORE DENMARK COULD AGREE TO THE COMMUNITY SO ACTION. ACCORDING TO NOTERDAEME IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE TIMING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO BE ON SUNDAY MORNING BECAUSE: A) THE ITALIAN AND POSSIBLY OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT BE READY TO TAKE A POSITION EARLIER, AND B) POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE VERSAILLES COUNTRIES ARE MEETING IN PARIS ON FRIDAY/SATURDAY.

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4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES NOTERDAEME DOUBTS WHETHER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE CAN BE USED AND IS THINKING OF SUGGESTING A SPECIAL MEETING OF COREPER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY. I SAID THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD MEET US IF ALL WENT WELL. BUT IN MY VIEW MINISTERS RATHER THAN COREPER WOULD HAVE TO MEET IF IT BECAME CLEAR THAT ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO A POSITIVE DECISION.

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