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FOLLOWING FOR BULLARD

ARGENTINA: EC IMPORT EMBARGO

1. ARCULUS IN ROME HAS REPORTED SIGNS OF A SHIFT IN ITALIAN POSITION IN FAVOUR OF COMPROMISE. THE ITALIANS ARE THINKING OF PROPOSING IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT CLOCK SHOULD BE STOPPED ON EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT BAN TO GIVE TIME FOR EFFORTS OF SECRETARY GENERAL TO REACH A CONCLUSION.
2. THE CASE FOR KEEPING UP PRESSURE WITH A RENEWAL OF THE BAN IS AS STRONG AS EVER. WE HAVE TOLD ROME THAT USE OF PROCEDURAL DELAYS WOULD BE BOUND TO ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA.
3. ROME WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THE ITALIANS TO SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF THE BAN IN LINE WITH BULLARD'S BRIEF, AND WILL ADD THAT IF A DECISION CANNOT BE REACHED IN POCO, WE WILL PRESS FOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING ON 16 MAY.

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