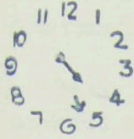


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1. Mr Cameron, duty officer in Bonn, rang to pass on the following remarks made by Premier Schmidt at a press conference after his meeting with M Mitterand:

'Both countries agreed that there was no connection between the internal discussions in the EC and the present international situation. Both countries would continue to support their alliance partner, Great Britain, as long as the conflict continued. At present, there was no reason to lift the EC sanctions against Argentina even though the strong trade connection between Germany and Latin America did not make this position easy.'

2. I have transmitted the above to Mr Coles via 10 Downing Street at 4 pm.

3. Bonn will send a confirmation copy by telegram.

R E Coghlan
Emergency Unit

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