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TO IMMEDIATE PEKING

TELEGRAM NUMBER 439 OF 23 SEPTEMBER,

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU FOR PM'S PARTY AT REQUEST

OF PRIVATE OFFICE WAS SENT TO BONN TELNO 414 OF 23 SEPTEMBER

BEGINS

AND TO IMMEDIATE OTHER EC POSTS, PRIORITY MADRID, LISBON, VIENNA,

OTTAWA, CANBERRA, BERNE, OSLO, STOCKHOLM

INFO MODUK, PRETORIA, TEL AVIV, TOKYO, WASHINGTON

INFO SAVING UKREP BRUSSELS, UKMIS NEW YORK, UKDEL NATO

UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 3436 (NOT TO ALL): ARMS FOR ARGENTINA

1. WE ARE NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED AT THE DECISION BY THE

GERMANS, DUTCH AND ITALIANS TO FOLLOW THE FRENCH AND RAISE THEIR

EMBARGOES ON ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA, ANNOUNCED AT THE MINISTERIAL

POCO MEETING ON 20 SEPTEMBER.



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2. YOU, THE HAGUE AND ROME SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED THAT:

A) WE ARE NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL RECOGNISE HOW SERIOUSLY WE CONTINUE TO REGARD THIS SUBJECT:

B) WE HOPE THAT INDIVIDUAL ARMS CONTRACTS FOR ARGENTINA WILL BE SCRUTINISED CAREFULLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BEFORE LICENCES ARE ISSUED CONSULTING US IF IN DOUBT AND THAT SALES OF SENSITIVE CATEGORIES OF ARMS WILL STILL BE PREVENTED. (YOU MAY NOW FALL X
ACK ON THE LIST IN PARA 8 OF FCO TELNO 205 TO ATHENS.) WE HOPE THAT LIFTING EMBARGOES WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED BY ANY RUSH OF NEW CONTRACTS, EVEN OF LESS SENSITIVE GOODS. IN SHORT WE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS CAN TREAT LIFTING THE EMBARGO LARGELY AS A FORMAL MEASURE AND KEEP IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL EFFECTS TO A MINIMUM.

C) WE HOPE THAT ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIFTING OF THEIR EMBARGO WILL BE AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE AND MAKE CLEAR THAT IT SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE SEEN AS A SIGNAL THAT FURTHER RECOURSE TO THE USE OF FORCE ON ARGENTINA'S PART WOULD BE ANY MORE ACCEPTED OR UNDERSTOOD THAN THEIR ORIGINAL INVASION ON 2 APRIL.

D) WE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US, AND LET US KNOW OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED OR ACTUAL ARMS CONTRACTS WITH ARGENTINA.

3. (FOR PARIS)

PLEASE MAKE CLEAR TO THE FRENCH AT A HIGH LEVEL THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING TO THEM TO OBSERVE RESTRAINT OVER SENSITIVE CATEGORIES AND ATTACH POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUING TO RECEIVE AS MUCH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AS THEY WILL GIVE US ON DELIVERIES OF AM39S WORLDWIDE AND ALL ARMS TO ARGENTINA. DOES CHEYSSON'S REMARK IN PARA 5 OF UKREP BRUSSELS TUR IMPLY THAT THE FRENCH WILL EXERCISE RESTRAINT OVER NEW CONTRACTS? IF SO WE WOULD LIKE OTHER POSTS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THIS IN SPEAKING TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

4. (FOR BONN)

PLEASE ASK THE GERMANS IN ADDITION HOW THEY WILL APPLY THEIR NEW GUIDELINES ON ARMS SALES (PERRY'S LETTER OF 26 AUGUST TO DS13) TO ARGENTINA: THE CLAUSE RULING OUT SALES TO QUOTE AREAS OF TENSION UNQUOTE WOULD SEEM TO COVER ARGENTINA. WE WOULD EXPECT THE GERMANS TO KEEP US CLOSELY INFORMED ABOUT THE FRIGATES: DO THEY EXPECT THE ARGENTINES TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THEM?

5. OTHER POSTS SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO STAND FIRM. IN THE EVENT OF OTHERS LIFTING THEIR EMBARGOES, POSTS CONCERNED SHOULD STRAIGHTAWAY MAKE THE POINTS IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

6. ALL POSTS CAN DRAW ON THE ARGUMENTS IN FCO TELNO 205 TO ATHENS AS APPROPRIATE.

7. WE ARE READY TO SEND FULLER GUIDANCE ON SENSITIVE CATEGORIES (AND ARE PREPARING SPECIFIC LISTS FOR MAJOR INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIER COUNTRIES).

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