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TO IMMEDIATE FCO.,

TELNO 136 OF 15 APRIL 1982.,

REPEATED AS PRIORITY INFO TO UKREP BRUSSELS, WASHINGTON, AND UKMIS NEW YORK.,

SAVING INFO TO ALL EC POSTS, AND UKDEL NATO.

YOUR TELNO 71 TO BRUSSELS. FALKLANDS. THE GREEK RESPONSE.

I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED FROM PAPANDREOU THE FOLLOWING REPLY DATED 14 APRIL TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF 6 APRIL.

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE OF APRIL 6TH, 1982, DELIVERED TO ME BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS.

AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY REPLIED IN A POSITIVE WAY AND BY VARIOUS MEANS TO THE REQUESTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CONCERNING THE OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY ARGENTINA.

A) THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF SUPPORT THE TEXT OF WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS SEMI-COLON

B) GREECE PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMON DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SEMI-COLON

C) GREECE JOINED THE MEMBER STATES OF THE E.E.C. IN ADOPTING ALL OF THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA INSPITE OF SOME VITAL TRADE INTERESTS AND ALSO THE THOUSANDS OF GREEK ORIGIN PERSONS ESTABLISHED IN ARGENTINA.

IN SO DOING, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WANTED TO UNDERLINE ITS SOLIDARITY WITH A MEMBER STATE OF THE COMMUNITY, NAMELY THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH WHICH GREECE IS ALSO LINKED WITH TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS SEMI-COLON BUT MAINLY TO EMPHASIZE ITS BEING OPPOSED TO THE USE OF FORCE AND TO ANY KIND OF FAIT ACCOMPLI IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND IN PARTICULAR TO OCCUPATION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE.

I AM SURE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR ATTACHMENT TO THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES, BEARING IN MIND EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURED OR MIGHT OCCURE IN THE VERY SENSITIVE AREA IN WHICH MY COUNTRY IS SITUATED.

I WOULD FINALLY LIKE TO REITERATE THAT WE FULLY SUPPORT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, ADOPTED ON APRIL 3RD, 1982, AND THAT MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY HOPES AND WISHES THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CASE TO BE SETTLED BY MEANS OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.

3. THE PUBLIC DECLARATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 (A) OF PAPANDREOU'S LETTER IS THAT REPORTED IN MY TELNO 129.

4. FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO ALL E.C. POSTS, AND UKDEL NATO.

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