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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELNO 171 OF 18 APR

YOUR TELNO 53 TO BERNE AND NOS GUIDANCE 51 AND 61: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I CALLED AGAIN ON THE HEAD OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT IN THE MFA TO-DAY. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AMBASSADOR QABBANI SAID THAT HE HAD REPORTED MY EARLIER DEMARCHE TO PRINCE SAUD BUT HAD NOT

YET HAD ANY REACTION FROM HIM. SAUD WAS STILL IN RIYADH PREPARING FOR THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL.

2. I WENT ON TO MAKE THE POINTS IN YOUR TEL GUIDANCE NO 51 AND I HANDED OVER A BOUT DE PAPIER. I ALSO SPOKE ABOUT SELF-

DETERMINATION (YOUR TEL NO GUIDANCE 61) AND ASKED FOR SAUDI SUPPORT OVER ARGENTINE EXPORTS AND OVER LOANS AND EXPORT CREDITS (YOUR TEL NO 53 TO BERNE). I HANDED QABBANI A PAPER SETTING OUT THE FIGURES FOR SAUDI/ARGENTINE TRADE. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SAUDI LOANS OR EXPORT CREDITS TO ARGENTINA. NOR ARE WE, BUT WE ARE ENQUIRING IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

3. QABBANI WAS AS USUAL SYMPATHETIC BUT NON-COMMITTAL. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO PRINCE SAUD AND LET ME KNOW THE REACTION. IF THERE IS TIME, I SHALL RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRINCE NAIF, THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, WHEN I SEE HIM ON 21 APRIL.

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