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FROM ROME 191715Z APR 82

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 176 OF 19 APR 82

INFO IMMEDIATE DESKBY 200800Z BRUSSELS, UKREP BRUSSELS

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

INFO SAVING ATHENS, BONN, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, PARIS, DUBLIN, LUXEMBOURG

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FALKLANDS:

1. I SAW COLOMBO TODAY AND HANDED HIM THE MESSAGE IN YOUR TELNO 98 TO ATHENS FOR WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL. HE SAID YOU HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO HIM ON THE TELEPHONE.
2. I GAVE HIM THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE MEETING TOMORROW (YOUR TELNO 84 TO BRUSSELS) ABOUT WHICH HE HAD HEARD FROM THE PRESIDENCY. HE WAS DISPOSED TO ATTEND IF THE OTHER PRINCIPAL MINISTERS DID SO ALSO.

SO ALSO.

3. I REQUESTED THE SUPPLY OF INFORMATION, AS IN YOUR TELNO 176 TO PARIS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS CERTAINLY WILLING TO PROVIDE THIS. PRESENT INFORMATION WAS THAT THE PROBLEM WAS THE HAWKISH ATTITUDE OF SOME OF THE MILITARY AND INDEED OF THE PUBLIC. THE ATTITUDE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY WAS HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN.

4. I ASKED ABOUT THE SOCIALIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE IMPORT BAN (PARA 5 OF MY TLENO 168) . HE SAID THIS WAS SETTLED FOR THE PRESENT AND THE DECREE SIGNED. BUT CONTRACTS WERE ALREADY BEING LOST AND INDUSTRIALISTS WERE COMPLAINING. IT WAS HOPED THAT THE MEASURE WOULD NOT HAVE TO LAST LONG. THE SOCIALISTS WERE NOW PICKING A QUARREL ON A FRESH ISSUE (ANDREATTA).

5. IN HIS TALK WITH GENSCHER, COLOMBO HAD DISCUSSED THE CRISIS (PRESS COMMUNIQUE IN MY TELNO 173). THEY WERE BOTH MUCH CONCERNED LEST THE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN. THIS WOULD AGGRAVATE THE CRISIS AND A FAILURE BY HAIG COULD LEAD TO HIS RESIGNATION, WHICH WOULD BE BAD FOR EUROPE. THEY WERE BOTH NERVOUS ABOUT THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS.

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