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IMMEDIATE

1. THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SPOKE TO ME AT 0100 YOUR TIME TODAY 1 MAY TO ASK WHETHER I COULD CONFIRM THE REPORTS IN TODAY'S AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS (IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD UNDER THE HEADLINE QUOTE ARGENTINA BACKS DOWN UNQUOTE) THAT ARGENTINA HAD ACCEPTED SCR 502. HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THE REPORT WAS TRUE AND THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY DEVELOPMENTS. I TOLD MR FRASER THAT I COULD ADD NOTHING TO THIS REPORT AND TO THE BBC WORLD SERVICE REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD IMPOSED SANCTIONS.

2. MR FRASER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SPOKEN VERY STRONGLY TO VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH, WITH WHOM HE HAD DISCUSSIONS IN CANBERRA YESTERDAY, ABOUT THE URGENT NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES OPENLY TO SUPPORT US

PRESIDENT BUSH, WITH WHOM HE HAD DISCUSSIONS IN CANBERRA YESTERDAY,
ABOUT THE URGENT NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES OPENLY TO SUPPORT US.
I THANKED HIM.

3. AS SEEN FROM HERE, IT WOULD BE COURTEOUS AND INSTRUCTIVE IF YOU
WERE ABLE TO AUTHORISE ME TO PASS TO MR FRASER SOME ITEMS OF
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION WHICH HE WILL NOT HAVE READ IN THE
AUSTRALIAN PRESS (OR BEFORE HE READS IT IN THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS).
THIS WOULD CONFIRM TO HIM HOW MUCH WE VALUE HIS EFFORTS ON OUR
BEHALF.

4. GRATEFUL REPLY IMMEDIATE DESKBY 010400Z.

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