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FALKLANDS: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY EMBARGO: DANISH ATTITUDE

1. The Danish Ambassador telephoned me this afternoon about the report on page 2 of today's Times that the Danish Prime Minister, speaking in Brussels yesterday, 'expressed strong misgivings about any extension of EC economic and military sanctions against Argentina beyond their present mid-May expiration date'.
2. The Ambassador said that after checking with Copenhagen he could tell me that this report was 'a hoax, taken out of the blue air'. It was true that Mr Joergensen had been in Brussels yesterday on Labour Party business, and that he had been asked a question about his attitude to the embargo. But he had declined to answer it.
3. I thanked the Ambassador for his explanation, which I thought would be appreciated.
4. Comment. I imagine that Joergensen did indeed express some such view as the Times reports, but that he did not wish it to become known that he had done so.

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