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PARIS TELEGRAM NUMBER 417: FALKLANDS

1. VAN DER STOEL READ YOUR MESSAGE (YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 217 TO PARIS) BEFORE HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARIES ON THE FALKLANDS IN THE SECOND CHAMBER THIS MORNING (6 MAY). HE REBUTTED CRITICISMS OF OUR POLICIES AND MADE THE POINTS IN MIFT. HE FAVOURED CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA.

2. WHEN I SAW VAN DER STOEL THIS AFTERNOON AT THE COURT OF ARBITRATION, I TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE DOING EXACTLY WHAT HE APPEARED TO BE ADVOCATING IN PARIS, AS REPORTED BY AFP. THE TROUBLE WAS THAT SO FAR THE ARGENTINES HAD FAILED TO RESPOND. THEY HAD NOT TAKEN EVEN A FIRST STEP TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO 502. VAN DER STOEL REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY WORRIED BY DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT HE HAD DEFENDED THE BRITISH POSITION IN THE SECOND CHAMBER THIS MORNING. AFTER THESE EXCHANGES HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, WHO HAD ASKED HIM WHY HE HAD BEEN DEFENDING OUR POSITION SO ROBUSTLY.

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