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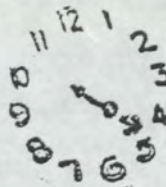
INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS AND PRIORITY OTHER EC POSTS.

YOU TELS NOS 122 AND 123: FALKLANDS: EC BAN.

1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MR ANKER JOERGENSEN THIS EVENING. AFTER HE HAD READ IT, I FOLLOWED UP WITH AN ORAL REHEARSAL OF THE PRIORITY WE GIVE TO SEEKING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, THE MIX OF PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE WISH TO AVOID ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RENEWING THE IMPORT BAN IF THIS WAS TO BE DONE. I ADDED, REFERRING TO THE FOLKETING DEBATE TOMORROW ( MY TELNO 118 ) A BRIEF OUTLINE OF ARGUEMENTS AGAINST NOW SWITCHING FROM ARTICLE 113 TO ARTICLE 224.

2. MR ANKER JOERGENSEN THEN SAID THAT HE SUPPORTED RENEWAL OF THE BAN: THAT ON PROCEDURE THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED ITS POSITION AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE IMPOSSIBLE AND QUITE WRONG OF HIM TO TELL ME WHAT IT WAS, BUT THAT "WE" (NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WAS PARTY, GOVERNMENT OR A SMALLER GROUP) DID NOT WANT TO USE THAT ARTICLE AGAIN: WHEN I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE MEANT NOT IN OTHER CASES, MR JOERGENSEN SAID "NOT IN THIS CASE". THE DANISH GOVT. COULD AND WOULD QUICKLY PUT THROUGH LEGISLATION TO RENEW THE BAN: HE WAS UNIMPRESSED BY MY ARGUEMENT THAT NOT ALL PARTNERS WOULD DO SO.

ALL THIS WAS TEMPERED SLIGHTLY BY REPETITION THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS TOMORROW WITH MR OLESEN AND OTHER MINISTERS BEFORE DECIDING THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, BUT HE REPEATEDLY STATED HIS DISLIKE OF ARTICLE 113, ALSO MENTIONING OPPOSITION IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.



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3. I SAID THAT THE DECISION HE ANTICIPATED WOULD BE MOST UNWELCOME TO HMG. I MORE THAN ONCE WENT OVER THE ARGUMENTS FOR STAYING WITH ARTICLE 113, ESPECIALLY THAT BY INSISTING ON SWITCHING NOW THE DANES WOULD EFFECTIVELY END THE BAN AND MAKE RESORT TO FORCE MUCH MORE LIKELY. SURELY IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE USE OF THE GOOD ARGUMENTS FOR SEEING FALKLAND AS A SPECIAL CASE RATHER THAN UNDERMINING THE POLICY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED? MR JOERGENSEN WAS IMPERVIOUS TO ALL THESE POINTS.

4. TALKING WITH THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, PM'S DEPT. (WHO WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT) AS I LEFT I FOUND HIM SURPRISED THAT THE PM HAD ALREADY REACHED SUCH A FIRM VIEW. LIKE EIGIL JOERGENSEN, HE ATTRIBUTED IT TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION, IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ADDED THAT THE RADICAL PARTY - ONE OF TWO WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING FOR ITS EXISTENCE - WERE STRONGLY AGAINST USING ARTICLE 113. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT OFFICIALS SAW THE MATTER DIFFERENTLY.

5. WE LEFT IT THAT I WOULD RENEW MY EFFORTS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOMORROW, WHEN WE WILL CONTINUE APPROACHING PRO-COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO ALERT THEM TO THE DANGERS. I FEAR THAT IN THEIR PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT HARD NOT TO SET THEIR FACES AGAINST ARTICLE 113. BUT A LATE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JOERGENSEN THROWS A SLIGHTLY BETTER LIGHT ON THINGS. HE HAS THIS EVENING GOT MR OLESEN (JUST RETURNED) TO AGREE THAT IN THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE TOMORROW HE WILL SEEK TO PRESERVE SOME FLEXIBILITY OVER THE APPLICATION OF THE FORMULA (MY TELNO 118, PARA 2) TO PROLONGING ALREADY EXISTING SANCTIONS. THE IMPORT BAN COULD, HE BELIEVES, THEN BE DEALT WITH AS A MONTH AGO. EIGIL JOERGENSEN IS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC, BUT SEES SOME ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE YET. HE IS APPREHENSIVE THAT IF PUBLIC ATTENTION FOCUSES ON TOMORROW'S DEBATE IT WILL MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT.

6. YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THAT EIGIL JOERGENSEN HAS BEEN SPEAKING VERY FRANKLY TODAY. I MUCH HOPE HIS CONFIDENCE WILL BE FULLY RESPECTED.

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