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AND SAVING TO WASHINGTON , UKREP BRUSSELS, OTTAWA , PARRIS , BONN,
AND ROME.

M I P T:

VERSAILLES SUMMIT: JAPANESE ATTITUDE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE.

1. MR SUZUKI PROBABLY FEARS THAT HE WILL BE TACKLED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE SUMMIT ABOUT JAPANESE FEEBLENESS OVER THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE. I THINK THAT, WHATEVER THE THEN POSITION AND BARRING AN UNEXPECTED MOVE BY THE JAPANESE TO BAN ARGENTINE IMPORTS, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DISAPPOINT HIS FEARS. I ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND THAT MRS THATCHER SHOULD SEEK A SHORT BILATERAL MEETING WITH MR SUZUKI.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT EMPHASISE TO MR SUZUKI THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES WHICH OUR ACTION HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO SUSTAIN AND REPEAT SOME OF THE POINTS IN YOUR TELNO 176.

3. I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE SAME POINTS DIRECT TO MR SAKURAUCHI. YOU MIGHT WISH TO REMIND MR SAKURAUCHI THAT DESPITE OUR LEGAL DIFFICULTIES, WE HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO GO A LONG WAY TO SUPPORT THE JAPANESE POSITION OVER THE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR A

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4. I SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT THE TONE SHOULD BE MORE OF SORROW THAN ANGER, DESIGNED TO MAKE THE JAPANESE REALISE THAT BEHAVIOUR OF THIS KIND IS NOT SUCH AS TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE. I HOPE IT CAN ALSO BE MADE CLEAR THAT NEVERTHELESS WE WISH TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH JAPAN AND THAT TO THIS END YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROUND OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS(DUE TO BE HELD IN LONDON) AND THAT MRS THATCHER LOOKS FORWARD TO HER VISIT TO JAPAN IN SEPTEMBER.

5. I AM SENDING TO GIFFARD BY TELELETTER TO-DAY AN ASSESSMENT OF THE JAPANESE POSITION ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY TOWARDS JAPAN.

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