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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 2680 OF 1 JULY
INFO PRIORITY ODM (FOR STANTON)

EC EMERGENCY AID FOR THE FALKLANDS

1. PISANI'S CHEF DE CABINET TELEPHONED THIS EVENING TO SAY THAT PISANI AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO OUR REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AID FOR THE FALKLANDS UNDER THE OCT PROVISIONS. HE HAD IT IN MIND TO PROPOSE A FIRST INSTALMENT OF 200,000 ECU BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION LATER IN THE YEAR, WHEN MORE PRECISE DETAILS OF THE FALKLANDS NEEDS WERE AVAILABLE. THE 200,000 ECU WAS BASED ON A STANDARD CALCULATION RELATED TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF INHABITANTS.

2. WE SAID THAT WE THOUGHT THAT THE SUM PROPOSED WOULD BE REGARDED AS DISAPPOINTINGLY SMALL. PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC IMPACT WERE IMPORTANT. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO GIVE MORE NOW AND LESS LATER. EVEN APPLYING NORMAL FINANCIAL PRUDENCE IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE TO GO TO 400,000 NOW, WHICH WOULD STILL LEAVE HALF THE ANNUAL OCT EMERGENCY AID ALLOCATION FOR OTHER POSSIBLE CALLS (INCLUDING MORE FOR THE FALKLANDS) IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR. BLANC TOOK NOTE BUT SAID THAT HE COULD NOT GO BEYOND HIS INSTRUCTIONS. WE SHOULD BE IN NO DOUBT THAT PISANI WAS READY TO GO BEYOND 200,000 LATER IN THE YEAR.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE BRITISH CABINETS THAT THEIR COMMISSIONERS SHOULD URGE PISANI TO BE MORE GENEROUS. YOU MIGHT LIKE TO INSTRUCT ME TO SPEAK TO HIM ON THE SAME LINES.

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