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FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

LUXEMBOURG TELNO 218 TO FCO (NOT TO ALL): FALKLANDS AT UNGA

1. SEE MIPT. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED SPEAKING NOTE:

(1) UNDERSTAND THAT ITALIANS HAVE BEEN LOBBYING PARTNERS TO CHANGE VOTE ON ARGENTINE RESOLUTION. VERY SURPRISED THAT ITALIANS SHOULD TAKE SUCH ACTION WHICH THEY MUST HAVE KNOWN (EG FROM PRIME MINISTER/CRAXI-ANDREOTTI MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER) WOULD BE OFFENSIVE TO US. ARE REPORTS CORRECT?

(2) CANNOT UNDERSTAND ITALIAN FAILURE TO CONSULT US ON A MATTER THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS OUR INTERESTS AND IS OF CRITICAL POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO US. FAILURE TO DO SO INCOMPATIBLE WITH SPIRIT OF POLITICAL COOPERATION. LOBBYING OTHERS AGAINST THE VITAL INTERESTS OF ANOTHER MEMBER STATE CANNOT FAIL TO BE DAMAGING TO POLITICAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN WE BOTH AGREE IT IS UNDER STRAIN FROM RECENT EVENTS IN ATHENS. ALSO PARTICULARLY SURPRISING JUST AFTER OUR AGREEMENT TO ITALIAN USE OF AKROTIRI - A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR US MADE TO MEET WHAT WE SAW THEN AS A PRESSING ITALIAN NEED.

(3) HAVE ALREADY MADE CLEAR TO ITALIANS AT HIGHEST LEVEL, BUT MUST CLEARLY REITERATE NOW, THAT WE DO NOT WANT ANY PARTNERS OR ALLIES TO SUGGEST AMENDMENTS TO ARGENTINES THAT MIGHT SOFTEN TEXT. DO NOT SEE HOW A RESOLUTION WHOSE CENTRAL THESIS (NEGOTIATIONS TO WHICH THE OUTCOME IS PREDETERMINED) IS WHOLLY

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UNACCEPTABLE TO US CAN SOMEHOW BE MADE ACCEPTABLE BY AMENDMENT. ANY ITALIAN ACTION IN THIS REGARD THEREFORE MOST UNHELPFUL AND UNWELCOME TO US. IT WILL NOT DO ANYTHING TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

(4) MAY FEEL OBLIGED IN LIGHT OF ITALIAN RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH TO INFORM PARTNERS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF ITALIAN ACTION, AND MAKE CLEAR ONCE AGAIN OUR OWN VIEWS.

(5) ITALY IS AN IMPORTANT NATO ALLY AS WELL AS EUROPEAN PARTNER. IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE UNGA ON 26 SEPTEMBER THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER EXHORTED ANY NATO ALLIES TO DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM OUR FALKLANDS POLICY. OBSERVERS COULD REASONABLY INTERPRET THE ITALIANS' LOBBYING AS A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THIS ARGENTINE APPEAL.

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