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TO IMMEDIATE FCO.,

TELNO 504 OF 10 OCTOBER 1983.,

REPEATED AS IMMEDIATE INFO TO ROME.,

REPEATED AS PRIORITY INFO TO UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, AND PARIS.,

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THE HAGUE, LUXEMBOURG AND UKREP BRUSSELS.

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY.

FALKLANDS AT THE UNGA: ROME TELNO 513

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE RAISED THIS WITH ANDREOTTI IN THE MARGINS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL THIS MORNING. HE UNDERLINED OUR CONCERN THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SWITCHING TO A POSITIVE VOTE BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION. HE REFERRED TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH CAGIATI IN LONDON, AND MADE CLEAR TO ANDREOTTI OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE ITALIANS SEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN SUCH WIDESPREAD ACTION, ON WHICH THEY APPEARED TO HAVE KEPT THE ARGENTINES WELL INFORMED. ANDREOTTI DEMURRED. HE UNDERLINED THAT THIS WAS A SUBJECT OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO ITALY, GIVEN THE CLOSENESS OF MANY FAMILY TIES WITH ARGENTINA. HE REFERRED TO THE US VOTE LAST YEAR

SUBJECT OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO ITALY, GIVEN THE CLOSENESS OF MANY FAMILY TIES WITH ARGENTINA. HE REFERRED TO THE US VOTE LAST YEAR AND SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THIS. HE THEN REPEATED THE POINT HE HAD MADE TO HM AMBASSADOR AT ROME ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SHORTER, AMENDED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD NOT REFER TO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MADE CLEAR THAT WE DID NOT REACT KINDLY TO ATTEMPTS TO PRODUCE AN AMNEDED RESOLUTION OF THIS KIND: THIS WOULD NOT, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, HELP TO RESOLVE THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES WITH ARGENTINA. WE EXPECTED OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ATTACH OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DETAIL, BUT ANDREOTTI WAS LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF OUR ANXIETIES ABOUT THE ITALIAN APPROACH TO THE UNGA RESOLUTION.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING ANDREOTTI IN ROME ON 31 OCTOBER. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT HE HAD BEEN SORRY TO HEAR INDIRECTLY THAT ANDREOTTI HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY CONTENT WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS OWN VISIT TO LONDON LAST MONTH. ANDREOTTI IMPLIED THAT NO OFFENCE HAD BEEN TAKEN. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO SAID IN CONVERSATION WITH ANDREOTTI AND PANJQLFI, THAT HE HOPED THERE MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY IN ROME FOR A SHORT MEETING WITH THE LATTER.

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