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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 74 OF 25 MAY.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO.158 AND TELECON TATHAM/ELDON : MEETING WITH
TAOISEACH

1. THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USEFUL FOR YOUR MEETING WITH MR HAUGHEY
TOMORROW. AS FAR AS THE GENERAL TONE OF THE INTERVIEW IS CON-
CERNED YOU SHOULD LEAVE MR HAUGHEY IN NO DOUBT THAT WE REGARD
ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS AS HAVING TAKEN A CONSIDERABLE TURN FOR
THE WORSE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN ALL THE TELEGRAMS REGARDING PRESENT
NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. YOU WILL NEED NO FURTHER
BRIEFING FROM US ON THE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE IRISH REPRES-
ENTATIVE, OR OF OUR VIEWS ABOUT IT. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
YOU WOULD PUT THESE IN AS EFFECTIVE A WAY AS POSSIBLE TO
HAUGHEY.

3. OTHER MAIN POINTS TO MAKE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- (A) WE ONLY LANDED FORCES AT SAN CARLOS BAY FOLLOWING ARGENTINE
REFUSAL, DESPITE SEVEN WEEKS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER
GRADUATED PRESSURES, TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES IN COMPLIANCE
WITH SCR 502. WE HAD ALWAYS MADE PLAIN THAT FORCE WOULD BE
USED IF NECESSARY. THIS IS IN EXERCISE OF OUR INHERENT RIGHT
TO SELF-DEFENCE, AS RECOGNISED IN ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN
CHARTER:
- (B) OUR PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT SHOWS HOW FAR WE WERE
PREPARED TO GO IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.
IT FOUNDERED ON THE ROCK OF ARGENTINE OBDURACY, AND
INSISTENCE ON A TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY TO ARGENTINA
AGAINST THE CLEAR WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS:
- (C) ANY CEASEFIRE NOT LINKED TO THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF
THE ARGENTINE AGGRESSORS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE:

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(D) WE ARE NOT TURNING OUR BACK ON A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. A CHANGE OF HEART BY ARGENTINA TO ACCEPT THE NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL UNDER SCR 502 WOULD TRANSFORM THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS

4. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 135 ARE UNLIKELY TO MAKE MUCH PROGRESS UNTIL THE SITUATION HAS QUIETENED DOWN SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW A CONSIDERED ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS TO BE MADE. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BEST LINE TO TAKE WITH MR HAUGHEY MIGHT BE TO POINT OUT THAT RECENT IRISH ACTIONS AT THE UN AND THE VERY CRITICAL REFERENCES TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS IN HIS RECENT RTE INTERVIEW COULD WELL BE INTERPRETED IN THE UK - AND NOT LEAST BY THE BRITISH PRESS - AS SIGNS THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN GOOD RELATIONS. THE FACT THAT IRELAND PUT FORWARD A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH THEY KNEW WE WOULD HAVE TO VETO REINFORCES THIS IMPRESSION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MR HAUGHEY'S INTERPRETATION OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS. YOU COULD ADD THAT WHILE IT WOULD BE IDLE TO DENY THAT RECENT IRISH STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTING TO US IT REMAINS OUR BELIEF THAT CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN THE LONGER-TERM INTERESTS OF BOTH.

5. IN ANY DISCUSSION OF THE DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS, YOU COULD RE-EMPHASISE THAT HMG'S AIM IS TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND A GREATER DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, BUT ON TERMS WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT CROSS-COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE TO EVEN PARTIAL DEVOLUTION. IF NECESSARY YOU COULD SAY THAT WE REMAIN

WILLING TO SEE THAT PROCESS ACCOMPANIED BY MOVES TO DEVELOP THE AIIC, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE TWO PARLIAMENTS OF AN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY. BUT MR HAUGHEY MUST RECOGNISE THAT IF HE REPRESENTS THIS BODY AS BEING IN SOME WAY AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE OR AS AFFECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF NORTHERN IRELAND, HE WILL EXCITE NEGATIVE PARLIAMENTARY REACTIONS TO IT AND WILL, AT BEST, POSTPONE ITS CREATION.

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COMMUNITY ISSUES

6. THERE ARE NO MAJOR POINTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAKE TO MR HAUGHEY. BUT IF THE COMMUNITY IS DISCUSSED, YOU COULD MAKE THE POINT THAT WE REMAIN VERY CONCERNED BY THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL DECISION ON 18 MAY TO OVERRIDE THE LUXEMBOURG COMPROMISE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IMPORTANT BRITISH INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED AND IT MUST NOW BE IN ALL OUR INTERESTS TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR LINE ON COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES WHICH MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL MEMBER STATES ON ALL OCCASIONS.

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