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(7) MY TELNO 28: FALKLAND TALKS.

1. PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE ARGENTINE MFA STATEMENT, FEELING OF COUNCILLORS TODAY WAS AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF INFORMAL WORKING PAPER. BINNIE AND PECK WISHED TO REJECT IT OUTRIGHT BUT VIEW OF OTHERS PREVAILED THAT MORE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION WAS NEEDED. THEY ASKED FOR ANOTHER MEETING IN A FORTNIGHT. CHEEK SAID THAT MR LUCE HOPED TO RESPOND TO ARGENTINE PROPOSAL BY END OF MONTH, SO I HOPE YOU CAN ACCOMMODATE THIS FURTHER DELAY.
2. IN VIEW OF ARGENTINE BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY, COUNCILLORS HAVE ASKED WHETHER THEY COULD RELEASE TEXT OF INFORMAL WORKING PAPER IMMEDIATELY. BLAKE AND CHEEK ARE ALREADY BEING ACCUSED OF EXCEEDING THEIR MANDATE AND WOULD LIKE ALSO TO PUBLISH ORIGINAL ARGENTINE BOUT DE PAPIER (OR RELEVANT EXTRACTS THEREFROM) TO SHOW WHAT THEY MANAGED TO ACHIEVE. I ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD PREFER NOT TO AUTHORISE THIS, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD QUOTE FROM THE BOUT DE PAPIER TO OTHER COUNCILLORS.
3. AS BLAKE AND CHEEK INTEND TO GO ON LOCAL RADIO TONIGHT, GRATEFUL FOR REPLY BY 041930Z.

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