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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

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YOUR TELS NOS 178 AND 184: VENUE.

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- ON SECURITY ADVICE, MR RIDLEY HAS CONCLUDED THAT ITALY (WHETHER VENICE OR ROME) WOULD BE UNSAFE.
- WE HAVE LOOKED AT ALTERNATIVES. A MEETING IN BRUSSELS WOULD BE FEASIBLE BUT WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHETHER CAVANDOLI COULD FIND ANY REASONABLE COVER EXCUSE FOR BEING THERE. THE LEAST OBJECTIONABLE VENUE ON SECURITY AND COVER GROUNDS SEEMS TO BE NEW YORK. MR RIDLEY WOULD PREFER ANOTHER BUT RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDES THAT THIS IS THE SAFEST: BOTH HE AND CAVANDOLI COULD FIND TENABLE REASONS FOR BEING THERE.
- PLEASE CONSULT CAVANDOLI PERSONALLY AND DISCUSS ABOVE ALTERNATIVES WITH HIM. WE ASSUME HE IS STILL AGAINST GENEVA AND HOPE THAT A JOURNEY VIA NEW YORK AFTER HIS ABSENCE IN GENEVA WOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH OF AN ADDED BURDEN FOR HIM. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE AGAIN, AS NECESSARY, VITAL IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SECRECY. PLEASE GIVE CAVANDOLI MR RIDLEY'S WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND APOLOGIES FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS NEW CHANGE OF PLAN.
- GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ALSO ASCERTAIN OBLIQUELY JUST WHO CAVANDOLI WOULD BE INFORMING OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE VENUE EVENTUALLY CHOSEN.

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