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Mr Ure ✓  
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Tel issued after discussion with Sec of State.

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ILLEGAL LANDING AT SOUTH GEORGIA

- A 1. The Argentine Foreign Minister has now responded  
 B unhelpfully to our request that the Argentine Government  
 arrange for the urgent removal of the remaining Argentine  
 personnel from South Georgia. We meanwhile have information  
 from secret sources that the Argentine Navy are mobilising a  
 military response if HMS Endurance moves to take the men off:  
 C and our Embassy have provided an assessment of Argentine  
 military intentions.
2. Our Ambassador is meeting Dr Costa Mendez again at  
 1400 hours today and needs instructions. I submit a draft  
 telegram.
3. The MOD are meanwhile urgently assessing the defence  
 implications and their view will be available for the  
 Secretary of State's meeting at 1215 hours. But it is  
 clear that unless this problem can be resolved by diplomatic  
 action, there is a real risk of a military confrontation  
 which we are in no position to win.

*P. R. Fearn*

P R Fearn  
South America Dept

25 March 1982

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Mr Giffard  
Defence Dept

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