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FM BUENOS AIRES 27/1624Z MAR 82

TO FLASH FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 113 OF 27 MARCH 1982

INFO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR), MODUK NAVY AND
CINCFLEET

MY TELNO 111: SOUTH GEORGIA

1. I HESITATE TO GIVE A DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT AS REQUESTED IN YOUR
TELNO 73 WITHOUT SEEING WHAT IS IN THE PROMISED MESSAGE FROM COSTA
MENDEZ. HOWEVER IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT HIS NEW INSTRUCTIONS
CAN ONLY CONTAIN SOMETHING LESS THAN WHAT IS ASKED AS A MINIMUM
IN YOUR TELNO 72. THERE IS LITTLE COMFORT TO BE DRAWN FROM RECENT
INFORMATION FROM SECRET SOURCES AND I UNDERSTAND MY NA'S TELEGRAM
TO MODUK NO 27/1620Z MAR 82 MEANS THAT THE ARGENTINES CAN HAVE A
DOMINATING NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. I SUSPECT
ARGENTINE INTENTIONS MAY STILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE WITHIN
THE JUNTA, THE NAVY BEING MOST AND THE ARMY (AND PRESIDENT) LEAST
HAWKISH. I CANNOT, HOWEVER, DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY ACTION
ON OUR PART TO DISTURB THE ARGENTINE WORKING PARTY AT LEITH WILL
BE TAKEN AS A TRIGGER FOR ARMED ACTION BY THE ARGENTINES.

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