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TO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 45 OF 31 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK NAVY, CINCFLEET

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND THAT OF THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL MARINE DETACHMENT ONLY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT

ARGENTINE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ASSEMBLING OF A SEABORNE FORCE WHICH COULD BE USED TO INVAD... CURRENT EVIDENCE IS THAT THIS COULD BE ASSEMBLED IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS. WE HAVE NO DEFINITE INDICATION AS TO ARGENTINE INTENTIONS. WE HAVE ASKED THE AMERICANS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT. WE HOPE THAT THIS APPROACH WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS PRUDENT TO REVIEW OUR CURRENT CONTINGENCY PLANS. WE HAVE AS A PRECAUTIONARY MOVE ORDERED HMS ENDURANCE BACK TO PORT STANLEY. WE ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND RESISTANCE TO ANY KIND OF INCURSION SHOULD ONE TAKE PLACE. THE CONDUCT OF ANY OPERATION IS, OF COURSE, ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR YOU AND THE FORCES UNDER YOUR COMMAND. BUT IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE YOU WISH TO HAVE RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXTRA ROYAL MARINE FORCES AT YOUR DISPOSAL OR ABOUT SPECIFIC RULES OF ENGAGEMENT?

3. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, KEEP YOU CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 48 OF 1 APRIL

INFO FLASH BUENOS AIRES

INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK NAVY, CINC FLEET F OF F1 (EMBARKED).

WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. WE NOW HAVE APPARENTLY RELIABLE EVIDENCE THAT AN ARGENTINE TASK FORCE WILL GATHER OFF CAPE PEMBROKE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING, 2 APRIL. YOU (AND BUENOS AIRES) WILL WISH TO MAKE YOUR DISPOSITIONS ACCORDINGLY.

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ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. ROYAL MARINES DISPOSITION WILL BE MADE NEAR EXPECTED LANDING BEACH AND WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO CONTAIN LANDING AND TO DEFEND THE AIRPORT.
2. FIDF WILL ROUND UP ARGENTINES IN STANLEY BEFORE DAWN TOMORROW AND BRING THEM TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR SAFE-KEEPING. THEY WILL THEN DEPLOY AT PROBABLE HELICOPTER LANDING SITES.
3. MARINES WILL FALL BACK TO OUTSKIRTS OF STANLEY BUT WILL NOT FIGHT IN STANLEY. SURVIVAL PARTY WILL TAKE OFF TO THE HILLS AS ARGENTINE FORCES REACH STANLEY. I SHALL REMAIN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
4. I SHOULD LIKE ADVICE ON WHETHER I INFORM CIVILIAN POPULATION BEFOREHAND. IF I DO, LOCAL ARGENTINES WILL DOUBTLESS INFORM TASK FORCE BEFORE WE CAN ROUND THEM UP. IF I DO NOT, AND WE HAVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, I SHALL DOUBTLESS BE HELD TO ACCOUNT.

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TO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)  
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INFO FLASH BUENOS AIRES, MODUK NAVY CINCFLEET, WASHINGTON AND  
UKMIS NEWYORK

YOUR TELNO 64: ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. MANY THANKS THIS SITREP.
2. ON YOUR PARA 2, THIS MUST BE FOR YOUR JUDGEMENT. BUT YOU WILL WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE OF ARGENTINE INTENTIONS TO ATTACK THE ISLANDS TOMORROW IS HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE, IT IS NOT YET ENTIRELY CONCLUSIVE. THE ACTION WE ARE TAKING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND US REPRESENTATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES COULD YET DETER THEM. TO ARREST THE FEW ARGENTINES IN PORT STANLEY BEFORE IT IS ENTIRELY CLEAR THAT A LANDING IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE COULD SIMPLY PROVIDE THE ARGENTINES WITH THE EXCUSE THEY NEED. ON PRESENT INFORMATION WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THAT A LANDING ITSELF WOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATER IN THE MORNING. IT WOULD HOWEVER SEEM A SENSIBLE PRECAUTION FOR THE FIDF TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON ANY ARGENTINE CITIZENS.
2. WE LEAVE YOU DISCRETION ON WHEN TO INFORM THE CIVILIAN POPULATION BUT IT WOULD SEEM RIGHT TO DO SO WITH ADEQUATE WARNING DESPITE THE RISKS YOU REFER TO.

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