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FALKLAND ISLANDS : PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

PROBLEM

1. Following a discussion with the Brazilian Foreign Minister, our Ambassador has suggested that the Secretary of State should send Sr Guerreiro a message outlining our views.

RECOMMENDATION

2. I recommend against any such message at this stage. I submit a draft telegram to Brasilia.

ARGUMENT

3. It is in our interest to keep our lines open to the Brazilians. It is an important market and Brazilian views carry weight in Latin America. We should also do what we can to dilute Brazilian support for Argentina. Brazil has already agreed to provide the Argentines with some military equipment and training; and as military operations develop, it will come under increasing pressure to get firmly off the fence on Argentina's side.
4. There is, however, little that the Secretary of State could say to Sr Guerreiro at the present moment which would help matters. A message would need to refer to that sent by Sr Guerreiro on 30 April to the UN Secretary-General, which Mr Harding describes as misguided. With the Haig negotiations broken down and following news of the bombing of Port Stanley airport, there are few positive points to make, to which the Brazilians would be receptive. It would therefore seem best

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best to keep any such message in reserve: the right time to send one would be to seek support for any new diplomatic initiative following the Secretary of State's visit to Washington.

5. If you agree, it would seem best to give Mr Harding a reply now, in the absence of the Secretary of State.



1 May 1982

P R Fearn
Emergency Unit

Mr Fearn

This reached me late on 2 May. It seemed to me preferable to await the S/State's return from Winton and NY. We now have the complication of potential Brazilian involvement in the contact group. Can we add to the draft in such a way as to warn HMA of this? I imagine we cannot yet ask him to mention it specifically.

Carl
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