

Prime MinisterA.S.C. $\frac{20}{4}$

SITREP BY FCO : 0730, 20 APRIL

Haig Initiative

1. Mr Haig is en route for Washington. The Prime Minister's initial response to the text of the draft agreement sent with his latest message was passed to the US authorities at twenty minutes past midnight.

Argentine Action

2. Argentina has requested the holding of a special meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organisation of American States citing Articles 6 and 12 of the Rio Treaty.

3. The Argentine Governor of the International Atomic Energy Authority has requested the Director-General to circulate a letter to all Member States which alleges that nuclear materials for military purposes are being carried by the British fleet. A suggested draft reply is contained in UKMIS Vienna's telegram No.41.

4. In response to a request from the International Committee of the Red Cross the Argentine Government considered the despatch of an ICRC mission to the Falkland Islands "unnecessary for the time being under the present circumstances."

Andean Pact Countries

5. Representatives of Andean Group countries meeting in Lima at the end of last week published a statement of solidarity with Argentina.

Overflights of Portuguese Territory

6. DS8, Ministry of Defence, expressed concern at a report from our Air Attaché in Lisbon that the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had instructed that future requests for diplomatic clearance of our overflights should be made to them rather than through the usual service channels. DS8 fear that lengthy delays in obtaining clearance may occur. HMA, Lisbon, will be requesting further clearances during the morning.

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