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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 67 OF 21 APRIL 1982

INFO MADRID, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, UKDEL NATO,  
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TO BERNÉ

YOUR TELNO 53: FALKLANDS.

1. DURING CALL ON 20 APRIL ON PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER I SPOKE ON LINES OF PARAGRAPH 2(A) TO (H) OF TUR AND LEFT A PIECE OF PAPER.
2. GONCALVES PEREIRA SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT NO ARMS DEALS WITH ARGENTINA WERE IN HAND OR WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. PORTUGUESE TRADE WITH ARGENTINA WAS VERY SMALL, HE THOUGHT AROUND US DOLLARS 7 MILLION IN TOTAL. GASTON THORN HAD POINTED TO EUROPEAN TRADE EMBARGO DURING HIS VISIT TO LISBON LAST WEEK AND HAD ASKED ABOUT PORTUGUESE INTENTIONS.
3. I SAID WE CERTAINLY HOPED THAT EVEN THOUGH TRADE WAS SMALL PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER MAKING SOME ANNOUNCEMENT. NORWAY HAD JUST ANNOUNCED MEASURES. AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON ARMS SALES WOULD BE HELPFUL. I HANDED OVER LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY

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4. GONCALVES PEREIRA SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE ACTION BUT SCOPE WAS VERY LIMITED AND 50,000 PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA HAD BEEN PROTESTING ANXIOUSLY TO LISBON. HE NOTED THAT COMMUNITY TRADE EMBARGO WOULD EXPIRE ANYWAY ON 17 MAY. I SAID IT WAS RENEWABLE AND WOULD DOUBTLESS BE CONSIDERED AGAIN IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. I DELIVERED YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE TO GONCALVES PEREIRA (YOUR TELNO 62) TOGETHER WITH MESSAGE CONCERNING COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING. GONCALVES PEREIRA SAID THAT HE WOULD PARTICULARLY HAVE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU IN LUXEMBOURG ON 28/29 APRIL BUT WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT EANES ON STATE VISIT TO BELGIUM. HIS DEPUTY, DR LEONARDO MATHIAS, WOULD GO TO LUXEMBOURG IN HIS PLACE. GONCALVES PEREIRA ASKED IF I COULD KEEP HIM AS CLOSELY IN TOUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH DEVELOPEMENTS ON THE FALKLANDS.

6. MINISTER NOTED THAT CLEARANCE HAD NOW BEEN GIVEN FOR 110 FLIGHTS THROUGH PORTUGUESE AIR SPACE FOR AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE TO ASCENSION ISLAND. HE AGREED THAT OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE COULD CONTINUE TO BE VIA SERVICE CHANNELS, BUT ASKED THAT COPY OF OUR NOTES BE SENT IN FUTURE TO MFA. IF WE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO ASK FOR LANDING OF REFUELLING AIRCRAFT OR SHIPS, E.G. AT LAJES IN AZORES, MINISTER ASKED THAT I SHOULD WRITE TO HIM. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN BUT AT POLITICAL RATHER THAN SERVICE LEVEL.

7. GONCALVES PEREIRA AGREED THAT IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES WERE AT STAKE AND THAT BRITAIN WAS ACTING IN SELF-DEFENCE. WE WOULD HAVE PORTUGUESE SUPPORT, HOWEVER I DETECTED A SHADE OF CAUTION. MINISTER SAID HE HOPED ROYAL NAVY WOULD STEAM SLOWLY TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY HE ADDED HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO WHOM HE HAD SPOKEN IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK. I BELIEVE WE MAY NOT GET MORE IN THE WAY OF STATEMENTS E.G. ON ARMS AND ECONOMIC MEASURES, FROM THE PORTUGUESE UNTIL AMERICAN POSITION BECOMES CLEARER.

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