

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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MR WRIGHT
MR ADAMS
MR URE
MR GILLMORE

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MR LITTLER
MR HAWTIN
MR PERETZ
MR ILETT
MR McINTYRE
H.M.TSY

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HD/NEWS D
HD/UND
HD/PLANNING STAFF
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Miss DICKSON (EIP DIV) D/EN

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 160 OF 24 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, MEXICO CITY, MONTEVIDEO.

YOUR TELNO 81 TO BRASILIA: FALKLANDS/OAS

1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER ROJAS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS LIKELY CHILEAN POSITION AT OAS MEETING ON 26 APRIL AND MAKE NECESSARY POINTS REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE.
2. HE IS CONVINCED ARGENTINA IS NOT GOING TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION INVOKING ARTICLE 8 OF TIAR WHICH WOULD CALL FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, LET ALONE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE THINKS ARGENTINES HAVE REALISED BY NOW WAVERING NATURE OF SUPPORT THEY ARE LIKELY TO GET FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND WILL INSTEAD OPT FOR A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER FALKLANDS WHICH CAN THEN BE REPRESENTED AS A DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH BY IMPLICITLY CONDONING USE OF FORCE.
3. ROJAS SAID THAT IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD CHILE VOTE IN FAVOUR OF ANY SUCH RESOLUTION UNLESS IT SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS BY OTHER THAN PEACEFUL MEANS. IF IT DID NOT, CHILE WOULD

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4. ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, CHILEAN POSITION IS MUCH THE SAME AS THE MEXICAN, REGARDING ARTICLE 53 OF UN CHARTER AS OVERRIDING ANY RESOLUTIONS BY REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE OAS. HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR COPY OF RESOLUTION 502 WOULD SOON BE PASSED TO OAS SO AS TO STOP ARGENTINES CLAIMING OAS NONCOGNISANCE, AS HE HIMSELF HAD SPOTTED THE DANGER. HE ACCEPTS OUR ARGUMENTS (YOUR GUIDANCE NO 55) ON THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLES 3 AND 9 OF THE TIAR AGAINST ARGENTINA.

5. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHETHER BY ANY CHANCE ARGENTINA MIGHT TRY, UNDER PAPAL PRESSURE TO ACCEPT MEDIATION, TO HORSETRADE THE DISPUTED BEAGLE ISLANDS FOR CHILEAN SUPPORT AT THE OAS, HE COMMENTED THAT WHILE SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE CHILE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO IT. FOR ONE THING AS WEAKER COUNTRY CHILE WOULD ALWAYS INSIST ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS AND NEVER CONDONE THE USE OF FORCE. FOR ANOTHER THEY KNEW FAR TOO MUCH ABOUT TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARGENTINES EVER TO TRUST THEM TO MAKE SUCH A DEAL STICK.

6. ROJAS PRESSED ME HARD IN ASKING WHEN WE INTENDED TO ATTACK. I REPLIED THAT WE WERE NOT IN HABIT OF DOING SO WHILE DIRECT OR INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL GOING ON. I DID NOT GET IMPRESSION THAT CHILE'S ATTITUDE WOULD CHANGE IF FOR INSTANCE OUR ATTACK SHOULD BEGIN DURING OAS DEBATES.

7. ROJAS IS NOT PROPOSING TO GO TO OAS MEETING IN WASHINGTON BUT IS LEAVING REPRESENTATION TO DAZA, THEIR AMBASSADOR TO THE UN WHO QUOTE KNOWS ALL ABOUT ARGENTINE TACTICS UNQUOTE.

8. US AMBASSADOR TELLS ME INCIDENTALLY THAT HE HAS NOT DONE ANY LOBBYING HERE ON THIS ISSUE, AND SEEMS SINGULARLY SWITCHED OFF.

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