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PP MONTEVIDEO (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 113 OF 09 MAY

INFO PRIORITY MONTEVIDEO (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)
AND WASHINGTON

MY TELNO 112: THREAT OF ASSASSINATION OF STAFF/UK CITIZENS
IN THIRD COUNTRIES

1. THE SWISS FDFA HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE SWISS AMBASSADOR
IN BUENOS AIRES TOOK ACTION AT 1745 HRS (LOCAL) ON 8 MAY
WITH KELLER SARMIENTO, WHO WAS THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL THEN
AVAILABLE IN THE ARGENTINE MFA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FDFA KELLER SARMIENTO UNDERTOOK TO BRING
THE MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NOTICE OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

HIS OWN IMMEDIATE REACTION HAD BEEN THAT "THERE WAS NO NEED
FOR CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF BRITISH NATIONALS".

3. IN REPORTING THIS TO BERNE THE SWISS AMBASSADOR COMMENTED
THAT AS FAR AS BUENOS AIRES WAS CONCERNED THE BRITISH
CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE WERE WELL PROTECTED BY ARMED MOBILE
GUARDS.

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8 MAY 1982



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