

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (7)

[7/15/82]

IMMEDIATE

PS  
 PS/MR HURD  
 PS/MR ONSLOW  
 PS/PUS  
 MR BULLARD  
 SIR I SINCLAIR  
 MR GIFFARD  
 MR WRIGHT  
 MR ADAMS  
 LORD N G LENNOX  
 LORD BRIDGES  
 MR URE  
 MR GILLMORE  
 HD/PUSD 2  
 HD/S AM D  
 HD/DEF DEPT  
 HD/NEWS DEPT  
 HD/ERD  
 HD/ECD(E)  
 HD/UND  
 HD/PLANNING STAFF  
 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60  
~~EMERGENCY ROOM~~  
 RESIDENT CLERK

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST (2)  
 PS/S OF S FOR DEFENCE  
 MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD  
 PS/CHANCELLOR )  
 MR ILETT ) TREASURY  
 MR LITTLER )  
 SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
 SIR M PALLISER ) CABINET  
 MR WADE-GERY ) OFFICE  
 MR FULLER SAPU/DIO )  
 DIO )

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
 TELEGRAM NO. 268 OF 14 MAY 82  
 INFO ROUTINE MOD (DS11 AND DS13)  
 SAVING FOR INFO UKDEL NATO AND UKREP BRUSSELS

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 241 TO PARIS: ARMS SUPPLIES TO ARGENTINA THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES

- ON 11 MAY I HAD ALREADY ASKED INDELICATO (THE MFA UNDER SECRETARY WHO CHAIRS THE INTER MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WHICH AUTHORIZES EXPORT LICENCES FOR ARMS) WHETHER HE HAD NOTICED ANY INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ARGENTINA. HE SAID HE HAD NOT, ADDING HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM OF CONTROL THROUGH END USER CERTIFICATES ON WHICH THE ITALIANS INSISTED.
- ON RECEIPT OF YOUR TUR, I SAW INDELICATO AGAIN AS INSTRUCTED AND LEFT A PIECE OF PAPER. INDELICATO COMMENTED THAT, WHERE CONTRACTS EXISTED AND ITEMS WERE ALREADY PAID FOR, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO HOLD UP DELIVERY.

CONTRACTS EXISTED AND ITEMS WERE ALREADY PAID FOR, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE ITALIANS TO HOLD UP DELIVERY. ITALY WAS AN IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER TO BOTH VENEZUELA AND PERU, THOUGH IT HAD LITTLE BUSINESS WITH PANAMA. I SUGGESTED THE ITALIANS CONSIDER REMINDING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF END USER CERTIFICATES. HE SHIED AWAY FROM THIS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO ACCUSING THEM OF DISHONESTY. HE DID HOWEVER, UNDERTAKE TO SEE THAT HIS COMMITTEE SCRUTINISED APPLICATIONS TO EXPORT TO THESE COUNTRIES WITH EXTRA CARE, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THEIR LEGAL STATUS AND THE VALIDITY OF THE END USER CERTIFICATES.

3. INDELICATO ASKED WHAT EXACTLY WAS MEANT BY OUR REQUEST NOT TO DIVULGE TECHNICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE WITH THE BRITISH FORCES (YOUR PARA 3, LAST SENTENCE). I SAID I ASSUMED THIS REFERRED TO ANY CASES WHERE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY ITALY TO THE UK WAS ALSO BEING SUPPLIED TO THE LATIN AMERICANS (A FRENCH EXAMPLE WOULD BE EXOCET). HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS LIKELY TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY MANUFACTURERES' INSTRUCTIONS.

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