

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (38)

IMMEDIATE

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

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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)
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FROM SANTIAGO 201645Z MAY 82
TO IMMEDIATE F C O
TELEGRAM NUMBER 250 OF 20 MAY

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 90 TO ABIDJAN : FALKLANDS : THE BRITISH POSITION

1. I DELIVERED TEXT OF DRAFT INTERIM AGREEMENT AS AN AIDE MEMOIRE TOGETHER WITH YOUR MEMORANDUM OF EVENTS PERSONALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ROJAS AT 1510Z , SAYING IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ARGENTINES HAD ESSENTIALLY REJECTED IT. HE READ DRAFT CAREFULLY AND WISHED US GOOD LUCK.
2. HE THEN RUMINATED ON STATE OF ARGENTINE JUNTA AT PRESENT SAYING THAT THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT ADMIRAL ANAYA, ORIGINALLY THE MOST HAWKISH, WAS NOW DEPRESSED AND FATALISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME OF CONFLICT WHILE ONLY LAMI DOZO WHO STILL HAD A GOOD AIRFORCE SEEMED AT ALL CONFIDENT. CHILEAN CONCLUSION IS THAT JUNTA HAVE NOW RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO INEVITABILITY OF A BATTLE SO THAT EVEN IF THEY LOSE THEY CAN JUSTIFY THEMSELVES AS MILITARY MEN.

3. AT EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT 1630Z, WHICH WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED BY LOCAL MEDIA, THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT INTERIM

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3. AT EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT 1630Z, WHICH WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED BY LOCAL MEDIA, THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT INTERIM AGREEMENT AND A SLIGHTLY SHORTENED VERSION OF THE ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM WERE DISTRIBUTED.

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