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PS/ER GOSLOW  
PS/PJS  
MR BULLARD  
SIR I SINCLAIR  
MR GIFFARD  
MR WRIGHT  
MR ADAMS  
LORD N G LERROX  
LORD BRIDGES  
MR URE  
MR GILLMORE  
HD/PUSD (3)  
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HD/DEF DEPT  
HD/NEWS DEPT  
HD/EPD  
HD/ECD(2)  
HD/UND  
HD/PLANNING STAFF  
MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60  
EMERGENCY ROOM  
RESIDENT CLERK

ADVANCE COPY

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MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD  
PS/CHANCELLOR }  
MR ILETT } TREASURY  
MR LITTLER }  
SIR R ARMSTRONG }  
SIR K PALLISER } CABINET  
MR WADE-GERY } OFFICE  
MR FULLER SAPU/DIO }  
DIO }

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Miss Dickson, D/ENERGY

[Passed to E.R.]  
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CONFIDENTIAL  
FROM UKHIS GENEVA 281418Z MAY 82  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 283 OF 28 MAY  
AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK (DS11 AND DS15)  
INFO PARIS  
INFO SAVING MONTEVIDEO, BRASILIA, BERNE

MY TELNO 269 (NOT REPEATED); AND PARIS TELNO 559; ASTIZ

1. GASSER OF ICRC TOLD US TODAY THAT HE DISCUSSED THE ASTIZ CASE FULLY WITH MOD AND FCO LEGAL ADVISERS IN LONDON ON 27 MAY AND THAT THE ICRC WERE CONTENT WITH OUR DECISION NOT (NOT) TO QUESTION ASTIZ BUT TO TREAT HIM PECTICULOUSLY ACCORDING TO THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY SATISFIED WITH THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS ON WHICH WE HAD RELIED IN REACHING THIS DECISION.
2. HE ADDED THAT THE ICRC WERE UNDER CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION ON IMG'S INTENTIONS TOWARDS ASTIZ. WOULD IT BE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GIVE THE ARGENTINES THE GIST OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON ON 27 MAY AND RE-STATE



TOWARDS ASTIZ. WOULD IT BE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GIVE THE ARGENTINES  
THE GIST OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON ON 27 MAY? WE NOTED  
THAT MUCH OF HMG'S THINKING HAD ALREADY BEEN REFLECTED IN THE UK  
PRESS. BUT WE QUESTIONED WHETHER YOU WOULD WISH ICRC TO GIVE THE  
ARGENTINES ANY AUTHORITATIVE REASSURANCE AT THIS STAGE.

FCO PLEASE PASS TO SAVING ADDRESSEES

MARSHALL

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