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FALKLAND ISLANDS : FCO SITREP (DETAILED VERSION) :
0700 HOURS, 7 JUNE 1982

United Nations

- A. (UKDEL Versailles telno 002 to UKMIS New York) 1. Instructions were sent to Sir A Parsons to reply to the Secretary-General's latest proposals for a truce, ceasefire, withdrawal of Argentine troops and reduction of British forces. Sir A Parsons saw the Secretary-General at 7 pm (New York time) on 6 June and informed him that his proposals, which formed an integrated package, could not be accepted.
- B. (UKMIS New York telno 949 to FCO) Propositions about the reduction of UK forces or about long-term security arrangements would have to be worked out after we had repossessed the islands. We had become disillusioned by negotiations with the Argentinians. We had not received any private indication corroborating purported Argentine willingness to climb down. We could not therefore reinvolve ourselves in interminable negotiations. The Secretary-General indicated that he shared our view of the reluctance of the Argentinians to negotiate seriously but had felt that he had to make another try. His mandate of good offices was still in existence. He had told Ross that in his view the Argentinians had missed an opportunity in the negotiations up to 20 May. UKMIS New York have been informed that the Argentine response to these latest proposals was also negative.
- C. (Washington telno 2044 to FCO) 2. There are indications both from Mrs Kirkpatrick in New York and from Stoessel in Washington that the Americans are fully aware of the Secretary-General's latest proposals and are glum about our likely reaction to them.
- D. (UKDEL Versailles telno 10 to FCO) 3. In response to the voting pattern in the Security Council on the resolution which the UK vetoed on 4 June, instructions have been sent to posts in Tokyo, Dublin, Kampala, Kinshasa, Amman, Georgetown and Accra to upbraid the Japanese and Irish, express our disappointment at the votes from Uganda and Zaire and our appreciation of the votes of Jordan, Guyana and Togo.

Chilean Exercises

- E. and F. (Santiago telnos 281 and 282.) 4. HM Ambassador Santiago has reported that there is something unusual going on in Chilean military deployment. He cites a range of odd incidents and a build-up of Chilean forces in southern Chile. Although it is claimed that exercises are going on, it is possible that Chile is either assembling her forces in order to take defensive or even (though this seems less likely) offensive action against Argentine forces.
- G. (Santiago telno 282) 5. HM Ambassador has proposed that he should be instructed to sound out senior Chileans whom he knows well about the Chilean intentions and to make it clear that HMG would be gravely concerned if the Falklands crisis sparked off an intra-regional conflict. The Emergency Unit checked with Mr Heath by telephone that he did not require instructions before 7 June.

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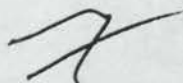
Arms Supplies to Argentina

6. Diplomatic efforts are continuing to check the supply of arms to Argentina and to ensure that Argentina does not receive more Exocets via Peru.

Comment

7. Instructions to Santiago are needed on the odd Chilean military activities, if possible by 1700 hours our time.

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