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TO FLASH BONN FOR PS NO 10
TELEGRAM NUMBER 300 OF 10 JUNE
FOR PS NO 10 AND PS
FALKLANDS : SITREPS

(A) DIPLOMATIC

MEXICO

1. THE MEXICAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DISCUSSED THE CRISIS PRIVATELY WITH HM AMBASSADOR. TELLO FORESAW GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR A MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE ON THE ISLAND. IT WOULD BE QUOTE AN ERROR OF HISTORICAL MAGNITUDE UNQUOTE FOR THE AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A FORCE. IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD CONFIRM ALL LATIN AMERICAN SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ROLE THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS AND RENDER AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT. BRITISH AND AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH LATIN AMERICA WOULD RECEIVE A GRAVE SETBACK. TELLO ALSO THOUGHT IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT ANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING THE UN AT ALL STAGES IN ORDER TO HELP DETER ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTIONS.

ICRC

2. THE ICRC HAVE INFORMED UKMIS GENEVA THAT FOUR ICRC DELEGATES WERE TAKEN FROM THE UGANDA TO SAN CARLOS LAST NIGHT. BUT THE COMMANDER OF THE GARRISON WAS NOT EXPECTING THEM AND REFUSED TO ALLOW THEM TO STAY FOR MORE THAN A FEW HOURS. THE ICRC ARE CONCERNED AT THIS LACK OF COMMUNICATION ON OUR SIDE AND ALSO AT THE CRAMPED CONDITIONS THEY WITNESSED IN SAN CARLOS. ICRC HAVE BEEN PUT IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH THE MOD ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS.

BRITISH JOURNALISTS DETAINED IN ARGENTINA

3. THE SWISS GOVERNMENT HAVE FORMALLY ASSURED HM AMBASSADOR BERNE THAT THE SWISS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IS TAKING ALL POS-

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SIBLE MEASURES TO ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE THREE JOURNALISTS DETAINED IN USHAIA AND HAS MISSED NO OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE WITH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN THEIR FAVOUR. A MEMBER OF THE SWISS EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY GO TO USHAIA ON 11 JUNE TO SEE THEM. THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THEIR DECISION NOT TO TRANSFER THE JOURNALISTS TO BUENOS AIRES.

(B) MILITARY (AS PROVIDED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENCE)
OWN FORCES

4. HMS YARMOUTH FIRED 124 ROUNDS ON SAPPER/HILL/MOODY BROOK LAST NIGHT. AN ARGENTINE SHORE BATTERY RETURNED FIRE BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

5. HMS PLYMOUTH IS DAMAGED BUT SEAWORTHY AND IS NOW PROCEEDING TOWARDS THE REPAIR SHIP STENA SEASPREAD IN THE REPAIR AREA TO THE EAST OF THE TEZ.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

6. NONE REPORTED.

CASUALTIES

7. WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE CASUALTIES ARISING FROM THE BOMBING ATTACKS LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

8. UGANDA WAS DUE TO RV WITH THE ARGENTINE HOSPITAL SHIP BAHIA PARAISO AT 1200Z TODAY TO TRANSFER AN ICRC OBSERVER TO BAHIA PARAISO WHICH WILL THEN GO TO PORT STANLEY. HOWEVER WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT THE BAHIA PARAISO IS IN A S ARGENTINA PORT AND UNLIKELY TO SAIL FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

INTENTIONS

9. NO CHANGE.

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