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TO FLASH UKMIS GENEVA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 227 OF 11 JUNE  
INFO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA, UKMIS NEW YORK, MODUZ (SIC 19F)  
FALKLANDS: CIVIL POPULATION IN PORT STANLEY

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SS UGANDA THAT THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUTRAL ZONE IN PORT STANLEY ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL FOR CIVIL POPULATION UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ICRC. LOCAL ARGENTINE COMMANDER, GENERAL MENENDEZ, HAS AGREED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY HIS AND UZ GOVERNMENTS. IF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED A THREE-MEMBER TEAM WOULD RETURN TO PORT STANLEY IN AN ARGENTINE HOSPITAL SHIP TO ESTABLISH NEUTRAL ZONE.

2. PLEASE INFORM ICRC THAT HMG AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY INDICATION OF THE ARGENTINE REACTION. WE HOPE THAT THE ZONE CAN BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ARE CONTENT FOR THE ICRC TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES ON THE SPOT.

3. WE PROPOSE TO ANNOUNCE DURING THE MORNING OF 12 JUNE OUR AGREEMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUTRAL ZONE.

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