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AND BRASILIA

MY TELNO 119: FALKLANDS CEASEFIRE

FOLLOWING IS TO CONFIRM TELECON GIFFARD/AMBASSADOR.

1. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS TO PRESS FOR A REACTION FROM THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO THE MESSAGE CONVEYED THROUGH MY TUR, AND TO MAINTAIN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PRESSURE FOR A REPLY.
2. TO ILLUSTRATE THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER, MIFT GIVES THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT SHOWING THE PROBLEM POSED TO THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER BY THE NUMBERS OF ARGENTINE PRISONERS, AND THE CONDITION IN WHICH THEY CAME INTO OUR HANDS.
3. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS ALSO:
  - A. TO EXPRESS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OUR EXPECTATION THAT, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OWN WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN TO REPATRIATE PRISONERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEY WILL ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE REPATRIATION OF FLIGHT LIEUTENANT GLOVER: AND THAT THE THREE BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS WHO ARE HELD BY THE ARGENTINES WILL NOW BE RELEASED:
  - B. TO ENSURE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT CANBERRA HAS ALREADY EMBARKED 2,000 ARGENTINE PRISONERS IN SAN CARLOS BAY AND IS PROCEEDING TO PORT STANLEY TO EMBARK A FURTHER LARGE CONTINGENT OF PRISONERS, PRIOR TO THEIR REPATRIATION.

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