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 FROM PORT STANLEY 311134Z DEC 1981  
 TO PRIORITY FCO  
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 284 OF 31 DECEMBER  
 AND PRIORITY INFO TO BUENOS AIRES AND HMS ENDURANCE (VIA MODUK  
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SOUTH GEORGIA: ARGENTINE SHIP'S VISIT.

1. BASE COMMANDER GRITYIKEN HAS REPORTED UNAUTHORISED PRESENCE OF ARGENTINE VESSEL IRAZA IN STROMNESS BAY ON 23 DECEMBER. VESSEL WAS SEEN AND IDENTIFIED BY FRENCH YACHT. INSPECTION BY RRS BISCOE ON 27 DECEMBER REVEALED CHALK INSCRIPTION ON BOX AT LEITH READING QUOTE HIDALGO 28/XII/81 CORLICATES EMPEBRADO ARGENTINA UNQUOTE.
2. WE THINK DAVIDOFF MAY HAVE BEEN ON BOARD IRAZA WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS ARGENTINE NAVAL VESSEL. TIMING IS TIGHT BUT PERHAPS FEASIBLE IF VESSEL LEFT ARGENTINA EARLY 17 DECEMBER (MY TELNO 194).
3. DAVIDOFF IS REQUIRED BY DEPENDENCIES' LEGISLATION TO OBTAIN ENTRY CLEARANCE AT GRITYIKEN. HE KNOWS THIS AND CANNOT PLEAD IGNORANCE. IF HE DID LAND AT LEITH BOTH HE AND MASTER OF VESSEL HAVE PLACED THEMSELVES OPEN TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 1965 AND MAY, IF FOUND GUILTY, BE FINED OR IMPRISONED FOR SIX MONTHS. BASE COMMANDER WANTS GUIDANCE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF DAVIDOFF SHOULD APPEAR AT GRITYIKEN. WE PROPOSE TO ADVISE HIM TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS.
4. NEWS OF THIS UNAUTHORISED LANDING IS BOUND TO BREAK HERE SOON AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD SAY THAT STRONG PROTEST IS BEING MADE TO ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND PERSON(S) WHO LANDED AT LEITH WILL BE PROSECUTED IF APPREHENDED.

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