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TO FLASH UKDEL VERSAILLES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 23 OF 5 JUNE

FOR PS/NO.10 AND PRIVATE SECRETARY

FALKLANDS: DIPLOMATIC SITREP

UNITED NATIONS

1. A SLIGHTLY AMENDED VERSION OF THE PANAMANIAN/SPANISH DRAFT FAILED TO SECURE ADOPTION YESTERDAY EVENING (4 JUNE) BECAUSE OF VETOES BY THE UK AND US. THE VOTING WAS 9 - 2 (UK US) - 4 (FRANCE GUYANA JORDAN TOGO). THE RESOLUTION SECURED 9 VOTES ONLY BECAUSE OF A LAST MINUTE SWITCH BY JAPAN FROM AN ABSTENTION TO A VOTE IN FAVOUR. AFTER THE VOTE MRS KIRKPATRICK STATED IN THE COUNCIL THAT SHE HAD BEEN ASKED BY HER GOVERNMENT TO SAY THAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE A VOTE ONCE CAST THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE ITS VOTE FROM A VETO TO AN ABSTENTION. HER DEPUTY TOLD THE PRESS THAT HAIG HAD GIVEN THE ORDERS TO CHANGE TO AN ABSTENTION TOO LATE FOR THE VOTE IN THE COUNCIL.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM VERSAILLES SIR A PARSONS INFORMED DE PINIES (SPAIN) AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (DE NANTEUIL - FRANCE) THAT WE WOULD NOT BE PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE PANAMANIAN/SPANISH DRAFT. BOTH SAID THAT IN THAT CASE THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO VOTING THAT AFTERNOON (4 JUNE). IN THE DELAY OF ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE VOTE, MRS KIRKPATRICK MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO PERSUADE HAIG IN VERSAILLES TO SWITCH FROM A NO TO AN ABSTENTION. BUT SHE ONLY RECEIVED HER CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM VERSAILLES AFTER THE VOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN. EVEN SO, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD NOT HAVE SECURED THE NECESSARY NINE VOTES HAD NOT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, TO HIS OBVIOUS CHAGRIN, RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM VERSAILLES AT THE LAST MINUTE TO SWITCH FROM AN ABSTENTION TO A VOTE IN FAVOUR. LAST MINUTE EFFORTS WERE MADE BY OURSELVES (TELECON EMERGENCY UNIT/UKDEL VERSAILLES) AND THE FRENCH TO GET THE JAPANESE INSTRUCTIONS CHANGED BACK TO AN ABSTENTION. BUT IT WAS TOO LATE AND THE VOTE COULD NOT BE DELAYED ANY LONGER.

3. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION VOTED ON WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THE EARLIER REVISED TEXT WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS RUN TOGETHER AND AN UNHELPFUL CHANGE TO THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH. SIR A PARSONS SPOKE FIRST IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE EMPHASISING THAT THE DRAFT DID NOT MEET UK CRITERIA: THERE WAS NO DIRECT AND INSEPARABLE LINK BETWEEN THE CEASEFIRE AND IMMEDIATE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL WITH A FIXED TIME LIMIT AND THE WORDING WOULD HAVE ENABLED ARGENTINA TO REOPEN THE ENDLESS PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION THUS LEAVING ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES IN ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

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4. SIR A PARSONS DESCRIBES MRS KIRKPATRICK'S PERFORMANCE AS 'TRULE GROTESQUE'. SHE MADE FREQUENT AND STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO CHANGE HER INSTRUCTIONS AND CLAIMED INCOMPREHENSIBLY THAT SIR A PARSONS WAS GOING TO DO SO TOO. HER PERFORMANCE HAS THUS EXCITED MUCH MORE MEDIA ATTENTION THAN OUR VETO.

5. SIR A PARSONS HAS REJECTED ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA THAT WE ARE ISOLATED IN THE UN. THE RESOLUTION NEARLY FAILED FROM LACK OF VOTES IN FAVOUR DESPITE ITS SUPERFICIAL REASONABLENESS. THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE TALK YET ABOUT AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SIR A PARSONS CONSIDERS THAT AT PRESENT THERE WILL BE LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR SUCH A CALL WHICH WOULD NEED EITHER NINE VOTES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR A LETTER SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE WHOLE UN MEMBERSHIP.

#### VULCAN AIRCRAFT

6. THE VULCAN AIRCRAFT DIVERTED TO BRAZIL ON 3 JUNE, IS STILL BEING HELD AT RIO DE JANEIRO MILITARY AIRPORT.

7. THE MISSILE WAS SUCCESSFULLY DETACHED FROM THE AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND STORED SEPARATELY BY THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES OUTSIDE THE SUPERVISION OF OUR AIR ATTACHE. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BRAZILIANS TO REFUEL THE AIRCRAFT.

8. THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE RECEIVED A FORMAL NOTE FROM THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR, REQUESTING THEM TO INTERN THE AIRCRAFT. THE FORMER HAVE REPORTED THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN, AND THEY HAVE ADVISED HM AMBASSADOR THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO BRITISH THOUGHTS ON THE ARGENTINE REQUEST.

9. HM AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TO EXPRESS HMG'S SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE DELAY IN ALLOWING THE AIRCRAFT TO DEPART. HMA HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DRAW THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ALLOWING ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT, TRANSPORTING MILITARY EQUIPMENT, TO USE BRAZILIAN AIRFIELDS.

10. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR AMBASSADOR TO RAISE THE MATTER AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL WITH THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES.

#### NON-ALIGNED MEETING HAVANA

11. THE FINAL SCHEDULED DATE OF THE PLENARY SESSION HAS BEEN REACHED WITH ONLY HALF OF THE SPEAKERS HAVING SPOKEN AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE LATE INTO THE NIGHT OF 4/5 JUNE. THE REFERENCE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE GENERAL STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT YUGOSLAV INSISTENCE AND SHOULD THEREFORE ONLY APPEAR IN THE LATIN AMERICAN SECTION. DRAFTING IS CONTINUING. THE CARIBBEANS AND AFRICANS HAVE RESISTED A ONE-SIDED TEXT. CLUMSY REFERENCES TO APARTHEID IN COSTA MENDEZ' SPEECH WERE REPORTEDLY GREETED WITH LAUGHTER BY SOME AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES WHO RECALLED THAT ARGENTINA HAD NEVER PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. GENERAL FEELING IS THAT THE REFERENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE WILL PROBABLY BE EVEN-HANDED WHILE MAKING REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS NAM SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINE SOVEREIGN CLAIM, BUT THE UK VETO IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY AFFECT THE OUTCOME.

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FALKLANDS: DEFENCE SITREP: SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION  
SUTTON AS AT 050430A JUNE 82

INTELLIGENCE

1. CURRENT INTSUM PASSED SEPARATELY.

OWN FORCES

2. SEA. LSL SIR GALAHAD IS UNLOADING AT TEAL INLET.  
ANDROMEDA, PENELOPE, BLUE ROVER AND SIR GERAINT TO SAN CARLOS  
EARLY 5 JUNE. THE CARRIER BATTLE GROUP REMAINS TO THE EAST OF  
THE TEZ. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT  
TONIGHT BY CARDIFF AND ACTIVE ON THE PORT STANLEY AREA.  
GLASGOW AND ARGONAUT HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM OP CORPORATE DUE  
TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FROM EARLIER ACTIONS. THEY ARE DUE FOR REPAIR  
IN THEIR HOME PORTS TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE. QE2 50 NM OFF  
ASCENSION.

3. LAND. 3 PARA REMAIN IN AREA OF NW MOUNT LONGDON.  
45 CDO ARE MOVING FROM TEAL INLET TO THE AREA OF SMOKO MOUNTAIN.  
2 PARA ARE AT BLUFF COVE WITH 1/7 GURKHA RIFLES MOVING FORWARD  
FROM GOOSE GREEN TO JOIN. 2 SCOTS GUARDS AND 1 WELSH GUARDS  
ARE MOVING TO BLUFF COVE AREA BY THE NIGHT OF 5/6 JUNE. IT IS  
INTENDED THAT A TWO CDO ATTACK WILL BE MADE ON TWO SISTERS  
MOUNTAIN WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS.

4. AIR. WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO BE POOR: FOG HAS  
SEVERELY LIMITED ALL AIR OPERATIONS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF  
ARGENTINE AIR ACTIVITY. THE DEPLOYMENT ASHORE OF GR3/SEA HARRIER  
AIRCRAFT IS NOT YET CONFIRMED BUT THE FORWARD OPERATING BASE IS  
READY FOR THEM.

INCIDENTS

5. A 42 CDO PATROL STRUCK A MINEFIELD DURING THE NIGHT OF 2/3  
JUNE: ONE OWN FORCES WOUNDED. IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT AN  
ARGENTINE PATROL OF 5 WAS ENGAGED AND 3 ENEMY KILLED.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

6. SIXTEEN STRETCHERS AND 35 WALKING CASUALTIES ARE EMBARKED ON HMS HYDRA, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT MONTEVIDEO AT 1300Z ON 6 JUNE. SUBJECT TO DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE THEY WILL DEPART FOR UK ON A VC10 FLIGHT AT 1700 HOURS Z THE SAME DAY AND WILL FLY TO BRIZE NORTON A ASCENSION AND DAKAR.

7. A M GIVEL OF THE ICRC IS FLYING ON 6 JUNE FROM BUENOS AIRES TO MONTEVIDEO TO INSPECT THE 17,000 LBS OF MEDICAL STORES WHICH WILL BE ON THE VC10 FOR LEADING ON HMS HYDRA.

ARGENTINE PRISONERS OF WAR

8. MV NORLAND IS EXPECTED TO SAIL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, WITH 1400 PRISONERS OF WAR, ON 6 JUNE, BOUND FOR MONTEVIDEO, WHERE SHE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON 10 JUNE. DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE AND ICRC ARRANGEMENTS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.

9. SPECIAL CATEGORY PRISONERS INCLUDING SENIOR OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF SPECIAL FORCES AND PRISONERS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE WILL BE RETAINED IN FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10. BAHIA PARAISO HAS EMBARKED ARGENTINE WOUNDED FROM UGANDA. BAHIA PARAISO IS ENROUTE TO FOX BAY AND HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO EMBARK WOUNDED AT PORT HOWARD.

ASTIZ

11. COMMANDER ASTIZ IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT PORTSMOUTH ON THE MV BRITISH AVON AT 0300Z ON SATURDAY 5 JUNE. HE WILL BE DRIVEN UNDER ARMED ESCORT TO THE ROYAL MILITARY POLICE DEPOT AT CHICHESTER, ARRIVING AT ABOUT 0500 HOURS Z.

12. A PROVISIONAL BOOKING HAS BEEN MADE FOR ASTIZ TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES ON A DIRECT FLIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF 9 JUNE UNDER A PSEUDONYM.

VULCAN DIVERSION TO BRAZIL

13. FURTHER TO THE 041800Z SITUATION REPORT, THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO RELEASE OF THE RAF VULCAN OR ITS SHRIKE MISSILE. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVING CONSIDERATION TO AN URGENT ARGENTINE REQUEST FOR THE INTERNMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND WEAPON. FCO ARE TRYING TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES.

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