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TO IMMEDIATE CERTAIN MISSIONS AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: SOME CURRENT ISSUES

1. WE EXPECT TO BE SENDING YOU GUIDANCE ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, ON WHICH YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE RAPID ACTION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA.
2. ON GENERAL POLICY, YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED IN THE VERBATIM SERVICE ONE OR MORE OF THE INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON 2 JUNE TO THE BBC, ITN, WEST GERMAN TV AND COI RADIO. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THESE SECURE AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE. PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW SUMMARISES SOME OF THE ISSUES WHICH WILL FACE US AFTER REPOSSESSION OF THE FALKLANDS. THIS IS INTENDED FOR YOUR OWN BACKGROUND USE IN PRESENTING MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS. IT IS NOT IN ITSELF A FORMULATION OF POLICY. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS MAY BE AMPLIFIED BY THE GUIDANCE IN PARAGRAPHS 4-7 BELOW, WHICH MAY BE USED FREELY. PARAGRAPHS 8-10 ARE OF COURSE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION.

AFTER REPOSSESSION

3. ONCE THE ISLANDS HAVE BEEN REPOSSESSED, THERE WILL BE FOUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES.
 - (A) REHABILITATION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR, AND A GENERAL RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLANDERS' WAY OF LIFE. THIS WILL TAKE SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME.
 - (B) PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. LORD SHACKLETON HAS ALREADY BEEN ASKED (AND HAS AGREED) TO UPDATE HIS 1976 REPORT AND ITS PROPOSALS AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED. LONG TERM

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ARRANGEMENTS (SEE BELOW) WILL BE ESSENTIAL IF PRIVATE CAPITAL IS TO BE ATTRACTED TO THE ISLANDS.

(C) PROVISION OF LONG TERM SECURITY. A BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE REQUIRED IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH, BUT IN THE LONGER TERM THE ISLANDS' SECURITY MIGHT BEST BE SECURED WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS. THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWN FACTORS AT PRESENT TO ALLOW FIRM PREDICTIONS TO BE MADE. BUT POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE MIGHT INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTINATIONAL FORCE, PERHAPS INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EG THE US AND ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

(D) THE ISLANDERS THEMSELVES MUST DECIDE FREELY WHAT FUTURE STATUS THEY WANT. THEY WILL OBVIOUSLY NEED SOME TIME TO SETTLE DOWN AFTER THE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL BEFORE FACING SUCH DECISIONS. HOW LONG WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE WITHDRAWAL. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO WANT ANY KIND OF ASSOCIATION WITH ARGENTINA AFTER THE INVASION AND THE WAY IN WHICH ISLANDERS WERE TREATED DURING THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION. BUT IT WOULD BE IDLE TO SPECULATE AT THIS STAGE WHAT THEIR PREFERENCE WILL BE. THE MAIN THING IS THAT THEY SHOULD BE FREE TO REACH THEIR DECISION, WITHOUT PRESSURE, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

UK-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS

4. BRITAIN HAS LONG-STANDING LINKS WITH LATIN AMERICA, TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN THESE FRIENDSHIPS AND INDEED EXPAND THEM. MOST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AS NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS OF ARGENTINA, HAVE SUPPORTED HER CLAIM TO THE FALKLANDS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MANY HAVE CONDEMNED HER USE OF FORCE. THEY HAVE BY NO MEANS GIVEN ARGENTINA WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY RECOGNISE THAT OUR QUARREL IS NOT WITH THEM. NOR INDEED IS OUR QUARREL WITH THE PEOPLE OF ARGENTINA, BUT WITH THE MILITARY JUNTA WHICH ORDERED AND LED THE INVASION.

ARGENTINE MISREPRESENTATIONS

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5. ARGENTINE CLAIMS THAT BRITAIN IS BEHAVING AS A 'COLONIALIST' POWER IN REASSERTING BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS ARE NONSENSE. IT IS ARGENTINA WHO HAS BEHAVED IN A COLONIALIST FASHION BY TRYING TO SEIZE A NEIGHBOURING TERRITORY AND TO IMPOSE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY, BY FORCE, ON A HITHERTO FREE AND DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT THEY WISH TO REMAIN BRITISH.

6. IT IS ALSO RIDICULOUS TO CLAIM, AS THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS DID IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 2 JUNE, THAT BRITAIN IS ONLY INTERESTED IN THE FALKLANDS FOR MILITARY REASONS, AND HAS ALSO OFFERED THE AMERICANS AIR AND NAVAL FACILITIES THERE. THERE IS NO POSSIBLE GROUND FOR THE ALLEGATION THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH BRITISH OR OTHER MILITARY POWER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. IF WE HAD HAD ANY SUCH PRETENSIONS, WE WOULD HAVE KEPT A LARGER GARRISON THAN 40 ROYAL MARINES ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BEFORE THE ARGENTINE INVASION.

AMERICAN SUPPORT

7. THE US HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE A STAUNCH ALLY FROM THE START, DEDICATED LIKE BRITAIN TO UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS SHE HAS MADE TO SECURE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, AND HAVE GIVEN HER EVERY SUPPORT IN THESE ENDEAVOURS: ONLY ARGENTINE INTRANSIGENCE DENIED THEM THE SUCCESS THEY DESERVED. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN FULL US RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO ACHIEVE ARGENTINE COMPLIANCE WITH UNSCR 502 BY MILITARY MEANS IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE. PRESIDENT REAGAN MADE THE POINT HIMSELF IN AN INTERVIEW WITH EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS ON 1 JUNE: 'I KNOW THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE LOST MEN. BUT ENGLAND RESPONDED TO THIS, A THREAT THAT ALL OF US MUST OPPOSE - AND THAT IS THE IDEA THAT ARMED AGGRESSION CAN SUCCEED IN THE WORLD TODAY.'

8. YOU SHOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) COMMENT ON ANY SPECULATION OR REPORTS ABOUT US MATERIAL AID TO BRITAIN IN THIS CONTEXT. STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, SUCH SUPPORT HAS IN FACT BEEN SUBSTANTIAL.

BRIEFING BRITISH BUSINESSMEN

9. BRITISH BUSINESSMEN ARE OFTEN WELL PLACED TO EXPOUND AND DEFEND HMG'S POLICIES OVERSEAS. WHERE YOU BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE USEFUL, YOU SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF BRITISH VISITORS OR LOCAL RESIDENTS ABOUT OUR POLICY OVER THE FALKLANDS.

MEDIA ACCESS TO THE FALKLANDS

10. ONCE HOSTILITIES CEASE, THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE MANY REQUESTS FROM JOURNALISTS TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT THE FALKLANDS. THERE ARE OF COURSE STRONG REASONS FOR PROVIDING ACCESS, BUT IN PRACTICE THERE WILL BE FORTHRIGHT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME AND WE CANNOT AT PRESENT GIVE ANY FIRM IDEA OF WHEN ACCESS WILL BE FEASIBLE. NUMBERS ARE BOUND TO BE STRICTLY

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LIMITED AT LEAST IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND CONFINED TO WELL-KNOWN JOURNALISTS FROM KEY COUNTRIES. INFORMATION DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME NAME(S) OF ANY REALLY WORTHWHILE JOURNALIST(S) WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN A GROUP TO VISIT THE FALKLANDS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER MAJOR HOSTILITIES CEASE. PLEASE DO NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONSULT POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, AND RESPOND VERY CAUTIOUSLY TO ANY ENQUIRIES.

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