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 MR ~~HULLARD~~ GODDISON
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 MR GIFFARD
 MR WRIGHT
 MR ADAMS
 LORD N GORDON LENNOX
 LORD BRIDGES
 MR URE
 MR GILLMORE
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 HD/PLANNING STAFF
 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60
 EMERGENCY UNIT
~~RESIDENT CLERK~~

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 MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD
 PS/CHANCELIOR }
 MR ILETT } TREASURY
 MR LITTLER }
 MISS DICKSON D/ENERGY
 SIR R ARMSTRONG }
 SIR M PALLISER } CABINET OFFICE
 MR WADE-GERY }
 MR FULLER SAPU/DIO }
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 Room 8 FOR MODUK C IN C FLEET

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 TELNO 282 OF 1 JUNE 1982
 AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK (DS 11 AND DS 15)
 INFO IMMEDIATE MONTEVIDEO, BRASILIA, BERNE

YOUR TELNO 309 TO MONTEVIDEO: FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ICRC

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS WITH THE ICRC THE PROPOSAL THAT SOME OF THEIR DELEGATES SHOULD SAIL FROM MONTEVIDEO ON BOARD HMS HECLA FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2. ICRC CONFIRM THAT, SINCE THERE IS STILL NO PROSPECT OF ANY OTHER FASTER MEANS OF REACHING THE FALKLANDS, THEY INTEND TO TAKE UP THIS OFFER. THEY RECOGNISE THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS FIRST PUT TO THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF GETTING THEIR PEOPLE TO THE ...
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PUT TO THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF GETTING THEIR PEOPLE TO THE SS UGANDA AND OTHER BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS TO ACT AS OBSERVERS (YOUR TELNOS 199 TO ME AND 304 TO MONTEVIDEO).

AS HAS BEEN REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TO THE EMERGENCY UNIT, THE ICRC STILL SEE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH THEY ARE NOW VENTILATING DIRECT WITH MOD. WE AWAIT THEIR CONSIDERED REACTIONS.

3. ICRC HAVE HOWEVER NOW CONFIRMED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON BOARD HECLA FIVE DELGATES, TWO OF THOSE CURRENTLY HANDLING THE REPATRIATION OF THE NARWAL PRISONERS AND THREE OTHERS, TO ARRIVE IN MONTEVIDEO BEFORE HECLA LEAVESN WHICH THEY PRESUME WILL BE AFTER LATE ON 2 JUNE. THE MISSION OF THESE FIVE WOULD BE:

- (A) TO TAKE ON THE HOSPITAL SHIP OBSERVER ROLE, IF AGREED.,
- (B) TO HELP WITH ARGENTINE CASUALTIES AND OTHER POWS., AND
- (C) TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE ON TRADITIONAL RED CROSS LINES EG THE NEGOTIATING OF CEASEFIRES AND DESIGNATION OF SECURE ZONES ETC.

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