

*Dr Healy*  
*Miss C...*  
*3/2* *CCB* *...* *RSC* *312.*  
*...*

14

*...*  
*...*  
*...*  
*...*  
*...*

BAFO 012/29

RR MODUK

GPS 350

CONFIDENTIAL

FM BUENOS AIRES 291305Z JAN 82

TO ROUTINE MODUK

TELEGRAM NUMBER 291305Z OF 29 JANUARY 1982

AJA 087/1		
RECEIVED IN INDUSTRY NO. 18		
-3 FEB 1982		
DESK OFFICER	REGISTRY	
INDEX	PA	Action Taken

NO DISTRIBUTION

291305Z

CONFIDENTIAL

FM BRITDEFAT BUENOS AIRES

TO MODUK

SIC ACA/ZBG

FOR JONES D SALES 2

THIS TELEGRAM  
WAS NOT  
ADVANCED

VULCAN

1. YOUR ACA/ZBG 281030Z REACHED ME ON MY RETURN FROM THE MEETING AT WHICH SEC GEN GUERRA SAID:

- (A) THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING VULCAN (IN SERVICE DATE 1983) DESPITE THE RECENT PUBLICITY THAT THE ARMED FORCES WILL SHARE IN THE NATIONAL BELT TIGHTENING EXERCISE.
- (B) THE REQUIREMENT STANDS AT BETWEEN 6-12 AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD FORM INTO A NEW UNIT ADDITIONAL TO AND NOT REPLACING ANY EXISTING UNITS.

(C) WOULD WE PLEASE LET THEM KNOW IN WRITING BY THE END OF MARCH WHAT COULD BE OFFERED AND WHEN TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF PRICE AND FINANCING. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE APPEARED TO BE NO SNAGS A VIST TO UK COULD FOLLOW.

2. I UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO MOD.

3. THE AIM IS TO ENHANCE THEIR BOMBER CAPABILITY AND IN THIS CONTEXT THE RANGE/PAYLOAD OF THE VULCAN IS ATTRACTIVE TO THEM CONSIDERING THE GEOGRAPHY OF THEIR WESTERN NEIGHBOUR AND WHAT THEY SEE AS A FUTURE ROLE - DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR CAPABILITY TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS IN ANTARCTICA.

4. I DID NOT ASK IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS FOR AN OTHER THAN CONVENTIONAL FORCE; IF I HAD DONE SO I SHOULD HAVE ONLY RECEIVED A NON-COMMITAL REPLY.

5. CLEARLY AN OFFER OF ONE AIRCRAFT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE: EITHER WE NEED TO AGREE TO A MINIMUM OF 6 OR WE SHOULD SAY NO: AND IF WE ARE UNABLE OR UNPREPARED TO MAKE THEM THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL THEY HAVE ASKED FOR I SHOULD LIKE TO TELL THEM SO (PERHAPS GIVING DIFFICULTIES OVER PROVIDING SUPPORT **AS** THE TECHNICAL REASON) ASAP.

6. MY AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN AND AGREED THIS SIGNAL.

7. MAY I HAVE YOUR REACTION SOON PLEASE?

WILLIAMS

BT

NNN