



Prime Minister

I had another conversation during the weekend with Mañuel Ulloa, the Prime Minister of Peru. As you may know he is to-day in Brussels on an official visit to Belgium.

Señor Ulloa told me that he thought the Argentinian Government had already reached a stage whereby General Galtieri had to consult not only the other elements in the army but also the political parties, particularly the Peronists and Radicals. A day might come soon in which Galtieri would feel that he had to bring these parties into the Government. This eventuality would almost certainly occur if there were to be a successful re-occupation by us.

Señor Ulloa wondered whether this trend might not affect our own perception of Argentina. If we had taken action which had caused (and be seen to have caused) some civilianisation of the Argentinian regime, would we not be able to claim a political victory and so perhaps be able to make a concession to Argentina easier?

I said that it would be difficult to predict exactly our governmental and national mood after a successful invasion. It would depend on the casualties caused.

I think you may like to know that Señor Ulloa continues to talk directly on the telephone often with his fellow Peruvian Señor Pérez de Cuellar and with Senor Costa Méndez.

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under FOI Exemption.*

Wayland

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Hugh Thomas

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This is an
addition to
last night's
minutes from
Hugh Thomas.
cf.

WITH COMPLIMENTS

LORD THOMAS OF SWYNNERTON

This refers to Lord Thomas' recent 1910
note to you.

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Dr. Jill Edwards,
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Dear Dr. Edwards,

I enclose copies, with English translations, of three letters to Francis de P. Falconnet from the Argentinian Government, dated 17 February 1843 and 20 March 1844. Falconnet was Barings representative who was sent to Buenos Aires to negotiate the claims of British bondholders arising out of the defaulted 1824 loan, and the letters indicate the willingness of the Argentine Government to cede the Falkland Islands to Britain in settlement of these claims.

We are pleased to make these letters available to you but we would like to make this conditional on two points.

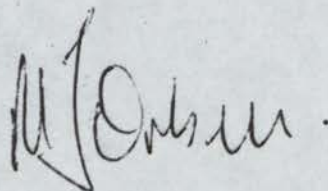
Firstly, we would very much like to see and approve those parts of any manuscript, in their context, based on information extracted from the above letters, before publication. In particular I think we are anxious that information in the letters is not used selectively as it both indicates the Argentine Government's willingness to cede the Falkland Islands to Britain while at the same time provides a strong assertion of Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the islands.

Secondly, we would like to ask that in any reference to the source of information it is made clear that the information has been obtained from the archives of Baring Brothers at the Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London EC2, which are generally available, with one or two preconditions, for research by historians.

If these points are acceptable to you I will be much obliged if you will confirm your agreement in writing.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. M. J. Orbell

Archivist.

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