

# CONFIDENTIAL

ORS 155

CONFIDENTIAL

FM BUENOS AIRES 27/1624Z MAR 82

TO FLASH FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 113 OF 27 MARCH 1982

INFO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR), MODUK NAVY AND  
CINCFLEET

MY TELNO 111: SOUTH GEORGIA

1. I HESITATE TO GIVE A DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT AS REQUESTED IN YOUR  
TELNO 73 WITHOUT SEEING WHAT IS IN THE PROMISED MESSAGE FROM COSTA  
MENDEZ. HOWEVER IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT HIS NEW INSTRUCTIONS  
CAN ONLY CONTAIN SOMETHING LESS THAN WHAT IS ASKED AS A MINIMUM  
IN YOUR TELNO 72. THERE IS LITTLE COMFORT TO BE DRAWN FROM RECENT  
INFORMATION FROM SECRET SOURCES AND I UNDERSTAND MY NA'S TELEGRAM  
TO MODUK NO 27/1620Z MAR 82 MEANS THAT THE ARGENTINES CAN HAVE A  
DOMINATING NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. I SUSPECT  
ARGENTINE INTENTIONS MAY STILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE WITHIN  
THE JUNTA, THE NAVY BEING MOST AND THE ARMY (AND PRESIDENT) LEAST  
HAWKISH. I CANNOT, HOWEVER, DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY ACTION  
ON OUR PART TO DISTURB THE ARGENTINE WORKING PARTY AT LEITH WILL  
BE TAKEN AS A TRIGGER FOR ARMED ACTION BY THE ARGENTINES.

WILLIAMS

STANDARD  
SAMD  
CABINET OFFICE

ADDITIONAL DISTN  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

COPIES SENT TO  
No 11 DOWNING STREET

# CONFIDENTIAL