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No need for further action unless the Air time subsequently delay in this flight was in pursuance of their sovereignty. Mr Bright is S. Geary. As the plane has not been positively identified as being Argentinian should we ask our Embassy BA to protest?

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Dear Alex.

ARGENTINE OVERFLIGHTS

1. The Base Commander at Grytviken has reported that on 7 June 1981 a C130 (Hercules) with military markings approached the base from a northerly direction, flew over the base at approximately 2,500 feet, turned and flew back over the base, leaving in the direction from which it had come. A base member thought he could identify Argentinian colours on the tail but apart from that no distinguishing marks were observed.

2. It would seem that despite our protests Argentine overflights of Falkland Islands and Dependencies are increasing. Such incidents only harden the Islanders resolve to stand firm against any proposal to have closer links with the Argentines, Since the telegram informing us of the overflight was not classified we can assume that Islanders are now aware of its occurrence.

Yours ever
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