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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 73 OF 27 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY DESKBY 271200Z

INFO MODUK NAVY AND CINCFLEET

INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, MONTEVIDEO, BRASILIA, SANTIAGO

SOUTH GEORGIA.

1. IN CONTINUING ABSENCE OF ARGENTINE REPLY TO PROPOSAL IN MY TELNO 72 OR OF ANY OTHER MESSAGE FROM COSTA MENDEZ, GRATEFUL FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT OF ARGENTINE INTENTIONS. DO YOU INTERPRET DELAY AS CAUSED BY GENUINE NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS OR AS DELIBERATE FOOT DRAGGING TO ALLOW ARGENTINE NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS TO GET TO AREA. AS TIME GOES BY IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR US TO HOLD THE SITUATION HERE AND WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE BY THE END OF THE WEEKEND AT THE LATEST.
2. BBC NEWS THIS MORNING REPORTED STATEMENT BY COSTA MENDEZ THAT ARGENTINE NAVAL TRANSPORT VESSEL IS AT SOUTH GEORGIA TO 'PROTECT' ARGENTINE PERSONNEL: AND THAT IT AND BRITISH NAVAL SHIP WERE WITHIN SIGHT OF EACH OTHER. THIS SEEMS LIKELY TO BE CONFUSED REPLAY OF BAHIA PARAISO PRESENCE. BUT GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY ARGENTINE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

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