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YOUR TELNO 34 TO STANLEY: ILLEGAL LANDING ON SOUTH GEORGIA

1. COSTA MENDEZ AND ROS BEING UNOBTAINABLE, I HAVE SPOKEN ACCORDINGLY TO AMBASSADOR BLANCO. HE HAS TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE BUT PROFFESSES TO BE UNAWARE OF THIS SPECIFIC JOURNEY OF BUEN SUCESSO, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE HE KNOWS IN GENERAL ABOUT DAVIDOFF. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE FELT UNABLE TO GIVE AN IMMEDIATE REACTION, BUT WAS CLEAR OF THE GRAVITY OF MY MESSAGE. I WARNED HIM THAT SWIFT ACTION WOULD BE NEEDED IF A REACTION ON OUR SIDE WAS NOT TO BE SET IN TRAIN.

2. DAVIDOFF WAS NEVER, OF COURSE, GIVEN ANY PERMISSION BY THIS EMBASSY BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, WARNED PERSONALLY IN FEBRUARY (MY TELEGRAM NO. 21 TO STANLEY) AND THROUGH HIS REPRESENTATIVE HERE ON 11 MARCH THAT NEXT TIME HE MUST FOLLOW CORRECT PROCEDURES. AS SEEN FROM HERE THERE COULD WELL BE ADVANTAGE IN SENDING ENDURANCE TO THE SCENE, BUT I SUGGEST THAT GREAT RESTRAINT BE USED AT LEAST UNTIL IT IS CLEAR WHETHER THIS IS A DELIBERATE CHALLENGE AUTHORISED AT HIGH LEVEL OR JUST A PIECE OF LOW-LEVEL BRAVURA COMBINED WITH DAVIDOFF'S WELL-KNOWN FECKLESSNESS.

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