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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR),
MODUK NAVY, CINCFLEET AND BRUSSELS (FOR SEC OF STATE'S PARTY)

YOUR TELNO 587 TO WASHINGTON : SOUTH GEORGIA

1. I HAVE THIS MORNING UPDATED MY PERIODIC BRIEFINGS OF MY US COLLEAGUE, BRINGING OUT MOUNTING EVIDENCE OF DELIBERATE STAGE MANAGEMENT BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY, IF NOT ALSO BY ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN PARTICULAR I HAVE PUT HIM RIGHT ON THE WHITE CARD ISSUE.

2. HE HAS ALERTED ME THAT ADMIRAL HAYWARD, OUTGOING CINC US NAVY IS DUE TO COME HERE FROM CHILE ON 31 MARCH FOR THREE DAYS. COULD HE BE USED?

3. I AM RECEIVING MANY GESTURES OF SYMPATHY, BOTH PRIVATELY AND IN PUBLIC, FROM INDIVIDUALS AND THERE IS QUITE A BODY OF OPINION READY HERE TO BELIEVE THAT, IF WE ARE IN TROUBLE WITH THE MILITARY REGIME, WE MUST HAVE RIGHT ON OUR SIDE, BUT I FEAR THAT IN GENERAL, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ONLY GAIN IN POPULARITY BY PLAYING THE JINGOIST DRUM, BUT BE ACCEPTED AS DOING THE RIGHT THING IN TAKING EVEN THE MOST EXTREME MEASURES. IMPORTANT THOUGH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GALTIERI'S GOVERNMENT AND THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS BECOME, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT COULD CARRY THE WEIGHT OF SUGGESTING AN ARGENTINE CLIMB DOWN, SUCH AS ACCEPTING REMOVAL OF THE WORKMEN EVEN BY A THIRD PARTY.

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