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GOZNEY'S LETTER (273/492/2) OF 12 DECEMBER 1980 AND GROWCOTT'S LETTER OF 22 DECEMBER 1980 TO GOZNEY: OVERFLIGHT

1. WE AGREE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO MAKE OUR VIEWS ON THIS OVERFLIGHT KNOWN TO THE ARGENTINES. BUT IN VIEW OF NATURE OF INCIDENT AND TIME WHICH HAS SINCE ELAPSED, WE SHOULD WISH TO DO SO IN AS LOW-KEY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE.

2. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD TAKE A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO MFA AT WHATEVER LEVEL YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ONE FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGINS. 'REFERRING TO AN INCIDENT IN WHICH AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT BASED AT RIO GALLEGOS OVERFLEW SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS LAST NOVEMBER WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION ON A TRAINING FLIGHT FOR ARGENTINE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE OVERFLIGHT TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE AIR SPACE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES. THEY THEREFORE WISH TO PROTEST TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS UNAUTHORISED INTRUSION BY AN ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT'. ENDS.

3. PLEASE REPORT WHEN ACTION TAKEN.

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