





5. But Sir A Parsons suggests that the Secretary General's proposals pose greater difficulties for the Argentines than for us. The proposals also allow us to buy a little more time, since the Secretary General is thinking of delaying his report to the Council until 2 June in order to explore his ideas. Sir A Parsons recommends that he should be instructed to give the Secretary General a reasoned response, pointing out the genuine objections, drawing attention to positive elements, and seeking clarification of those points which are obscure, eg the relationship in time between points (4) and (5) and what is meant by 'token'. If possible, Sir A Parsons would wish to give the Secretary General a response by 1900Z.

E (Washington telno 1985) (e) Rio Treaty Meeting Resolution

6. The Argentines have circulated this as a document of the Security Council. Sir A Parsons recommends that we reply in reasoned terms and asks for comments by telno 897)1400Z on his draft of a possible reply.

G (UKMis New York tel no 898) (f) Libyan Arms for Argentina

7. We have received information that Libya is supplying Argentina with French-made arms, including air to air missiles and that these have been shipped by Aerolineas Argentinas via Cape Verde/Las Palmas and Brazil. Action is being taken to stop these flights with Brazilian, Portuguese, Moroccan, Spanish and Cape Verde authorities. We have also asked the French and the US respectively to put pressure on the Libyans and the Brazilians to stop these supplies.

(g) Comment

8. Although the Secretary-General's new proposals have delayed further Security Council action, they pose in themselves new difficulties for us. It is likely that the Argentines will reject them. But we are required to give a response today, though this could be by way of seeking clarification. Sir A Parsons will need instructions by 1900Z.

9. The main difficulties are:

- (a) A UN presence on the Islands;
- (b) the lack of clear linkage between ceasefire and irrevocable Argentine withdrawal;
- (c) a "token" British withdrawal;
- (d) a commitment to immediate negotiations on the future of the Islands with, though this is not clearly spelt out,

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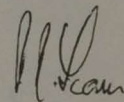


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a probable UN interim administration.

10. The text of SCR 505 is attached for reference.
11. Further action is required on Sir A Parsons' proposed comments on a reply to the Argentine~~s~~ introduction of the Rio Treaty Resolution as a Security Council document.



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