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YOUR TELNO 36: INCIDENTS AT LADE OFFICE.

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPORTING THESE, BUT POLICE ARE STILL CONDUCTING ENQUIRIES.
2. DURING NIGHT 20/21 MARCH PERSON(S) UNKNOWN ENTERED LADE OFFICE, APPARENTLY USING KEY. A RATHER TATTERED UNION FLAG FITTED WITH SERVICE TYPE INGLEFIELD CLIPS WAS PLACED OVER VICE-COMODORO'S ARGENTINE FLAG AND AN INSCRIPTION WRITTEN ON HIS DESK IN TOOTHPASTE WHICH READ QUOTE TIT FOR TAT YOU BUGGERS UNQUOTE. INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED TO POLICE UNTIL MIDDAY SUNDAY AS VICE-COMODORO WAS TRYING IN VAIN TO FIND OUT FROM HIS ENGLISH-SPANISH DICTIONARY WHAT THIS MEANT.
3. THREE ISLANDERS HOLD KEYS TO OFFICE. ONE OF THESE IS ON OVERSEAS LEAVE BUT MAY HAVE LEFT KEY BEHIND.
4. DURING NIGHT 22-23 MARCH AN UNKNOWN PERSON WROTE QUOTE UK OK UNQUOTE ON TWO EXTERNAL WINDOWS OF LADE OFFICE USING AEROSOL SPRAY PAINT.
5. THESE RATHER JUVENILE EXPRESSIONS OF ISLANDERS' ANGER ARE THE DIRECT REACTION TO THE ARGENTINES ACTIONS AT LEITH, WHICH WERE PICKED UP BY RADIO HAMS HERE. IT IS LUDICROUS OF BLANCO AND ROS TO CALL THE FLAG INCIDENT A PARALLEL INSULT TO THE RAISING OF THE ARGENTINE FLAG IN LEITH BY A PARTY OF ILLEGAL ARGENTINE IMMIGRANTS TRANSPORTED TO SOUTH GEORGIA BY AN ARGENTINE NAVAL VESSEL.

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