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PRIME MINISTER

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BRIEF ON FLIGHT NO 4783 FROM ASCENSION ISLAND TO PORT STANLEY ON 8 JANUARY 1983

Aircraft

1. A Hercules PLR2 will operate from Ascension Island to Port Stanley on 8 January 1983.

Crew

2. The crew from No 47 Sqn, RAF Lyneham is as follows:

Aircraft Commander	Wing Commander	Brian Warsap
Aircraft Captain	Flight Lieutenant	Graham Forbes
Co Pilot	Flight Lieutenant	Jim Emptage
First Navigator	Flight Lieutenant	Mike Limb
Second Navigator	Flight Lieutenant	Stuart Nussey
Engineer	Master Air Engineer	Nick Jones
Loadmaster	Sergeant	Brian Armour
Steward	Corporal	Tony Pridden

Route

3. The route is the standard airbridge route which is direct to Port Stanley. The distance is 3,383 nms, and the flight time will be about 13 hrs 30 mins.

Air to Air Refuelling

4. Three air to air refuelling rendezvous are planned as follows:

RV1 At $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs/1150 nms into the flight the Hercules PLR2 will be refuelled by Hercules C130K Mk 1 when 25,000 lbs of fuel will be transferred.

RV2 At 1200 nms a Victor K Mk2 will replenish the Hercules C130 Tanker with 50,000 lbs of fuel the Victor will then return to Ascension.

RV3 At $9\frac{1}{2}$ hrs/2450 nms the replenished Hercules Tanker will transfer 30,000 lbs more fuel. It will then return to Ascension.

Overhead Port Stanley

5. The aircraft will arrive overhead Port Stanley with some 57,000 lbs of fuel. This will be enough to return to Ascension Island in the unlikely event of being unable to land at Port Stanley.