

PRIME MINISTER FROM DUTY CLERK

YOU WILL SEE FROM THE BRIDGETOWN TELEGRAM NO. 329 THAT
ADAMS HAS NOW FORMALLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE, ALBEIT ORALLY.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS AGREED THAT HMS ANTRIM SHOULD DEPART
FROM CARTAGENA (SPAIN) TOMORROW MORNING - THE SHIP SHOULD
ARRIVE IN APPROX 48 HOURS. FOREIGN OFFICE ARE ANXIOUS
THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TO BE OVER-REACTING - HENCE THE
DELAY OF SAILING UNTIL THE MORNING.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ARE AWARE OF THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
AND ARE CONSULTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE.
MR. LUCE HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU ARE CONTENT THAT
HMS ANTRIM SHOULD SAIL TOMORROW MORNING PLEASE?

22 October, 1983.