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FM BRITNAVAT BRASILIA 9:1545Z APRIL 82
TO FLASH MODUK NAVY

SECRET

SIC 19F

REPEATED FLASH CINC FLEET
REPEATED IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO: 084
FOR CGRM AND CINC FLEET FROM BRITNAVAT.
OP CORPORATE. SUBJECT VESSEL AES.
REF MY 19F 082210Z APR 82.

1. BRAZILIAN ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF (INFORMATION)
TELEPHONED BRITNAVAT AT 091330Z TO SAY BRAZILIAN NAVY DID NOT
WISH TO RECEIVE THE WRITTEN APPLICATION THEY HAD EARLIER SAID
WOULD BE NECESSARY. PARA 2. OF REFERENCE REFERS.

2. REAR ADMIRAL CORDEIRO EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN AND NAVY
MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED THIS CASE AND FELT IT FELL WITHIN THE
SCOPE OF THE GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY THEM ON SEPARATE
OCCASIONS TO HM AMBASSADOR. BRASILIA TELEGRAMS 068 OF 5 APR
AND 079 OF 7 APR (NOTAL) REFER.

3 IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS THAT, AS HMA HAS ALREADY REPORTED, THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO THE FALKLANDS MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ANY WAY, HOWEVER INDIRECT. THIS MEANS THAT ANY SHIP, WHETHER MILITARY OR MERCHANT, RELATED TO THE TASK FORCE WILL NOT BE WELCOME IN BRAZILIAN PORTS, OTHER THAN IN STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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RECD AT 091600Z RW