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FM WASHINGTON 100055Z APR 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NO 1225 OF 9 APRIL
INFO ASCENSION (FOR ADMINISTRATOR)

MY TELNO 1204: USE OF US FACILITIES ON ASCENSION ISLAND

EAGLEBURGER TOLD MINISTER THIS EVENING THAT THE US WANTED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE OVER OUR REQUESTS. BUT, EVEN WITH DETAILS BEING HANDLED ON THE SPOT, IT WOULD HELP STATE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE AS CLEAR AN IDEA AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT WE WANTED FROM THEM AND TO DISTINGUISH CLEARLY BETWEEN STEPS BEING TAKEN BY US (OF WHICH WE WERE SIMPLY INFORMING THEM) AND REQUESTS FOR THEIR HELP AND FACILITIES. FOR EXAMPLE DID WE WANT 24 HOUR AIR CONTROL FACILITIES STRAIGHT AWAY AND DID WE REQUIRE THE US TO PROVIDE ALL THE ADDITIONAL AIR CONTROLLERS MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF YOUR TELNO 680 ? WHEN WE TALKED OF LOCATING VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND AND A MET FACILITY, DID WE NEED ANYTHING FROM THE US EXCEPT THEIR AGREEMENT ?

2. WE ARE SORRY TO MAKE HEAVY WEATHER OF THIS BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT FAIRLY DETAILED DECISIONS ARE BEING TAKEN IN WASHINGTON AND IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO HELP STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO WANT TO BE COOPERATIVE.