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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 95 OF 11 APRIL  
AND TO MODUK

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ROYAL MARINES  
YOURTEL 83

1. SWISS CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES IN MONTEVIDEO TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE SWISS AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES THAT ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE MARINES WERE "AT SEA" AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD BE DISSEMBARKED.

2. TODAY'S URUGUAYAN PRESS ALSO STATES THAT ON THE EVENING OF 10 APRIL "22 MARINES AND 3 CIVILIANS CAPTURED IN SOUTH GEORGIA WERE BEING MOVED AT THIS TIME BY SEA".

3. NO DESTINATION NOR OTHER DETAIL AVAILABLE HERE. THE URUGUAYAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMED AGAIN LAST NIGHT THAT THEY HAD NO NEWS AT ALL.

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INFO PRIORITY BRUSSELS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: ARGENTINIAN PROPAGANDA.

THERE ARE URUGUAYAN PRESS REPORTS OF WHICH I HAVE INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION, THAT ARGENTINIANS ARE SENDING TRADE UNIONISTS AND POLITICIANS ABROAD INCLUDING EUROPE TO TRY TO SELL THE ARGENTINIAN CASE TO THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS. THE I.C.F.T.U. IN BRUSSELS IS AMONGST THOSE LIKELY TO BE LOBBIED.

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BRITISH INTERESTS' SECTION IN BUENOS AIRES.

I HAVE RECEIVED BY SAFE HAND A LETTER FROM DAVID JOY IN BUENOS AIRES MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) ANY MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH INTEREST SECTION WHO COME TO MONTEVIDEO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK INTO ARGENTINA. HARDY AND HILL THEREFORE WENT TO THE FRONTIER WITH A LORRY CARRYING EQUIPMENT FEPGHV QOS

~~But no further, etc.~~ (THE LORRY WAS FIELDDED ON THE URUGUAYAN SIDE BY MY SECOND SECRETARY AND A UK-BASED SECURITY OFFICER.

(B) THE TOUGHER THE STANCE IN LONDON RE THE ARGENTINIANS THERE, THE TOUGHER THE SITUATION IN BUENOS AIRES. THE ARGENTINIANS ARE INSISTING ON "RECIPROCITY"

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(D) THE FREEZING OF INDIVIDUAL ARGENTINE ACCOUNTS IN THE UK THREATENED FOR NEXT TUESDAY WILL INEVITABLY ENTAIL RECIPROCITY IN ARGENTINA. WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS COULD RESULT IN THOUSANDS OF STRANDED BRITISH PEOPLE ARRIVING AT THE INTERESTS SECTION ON THE SWISS EMBASSY SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

(E) PERSONAL SAFETY POSITION OF THE BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION MEMBERS IS AT PRESENT GOOD, FURTHERMORE AT PRESENT THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO PROTECT EVERYTHING BRITISH. THIS POLICY HOWEVER COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY ONCE THE BRITISH FLEET IS IN THE AREA.

(F) DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS, FROM ABROAD TO DAVID JOY AND HIS COLLEAGUES SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE BEEN OBJECTING AND IT EMBARRASSES THE SWISS.

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SENT AT 11/2030Z TW

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SUB PARA (A) LINE BEGINNING - EQUIPMENT

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TO IMMEDIATE MODUK  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 111735Z OF 11 APRIL 1982

FROM BRITDEFAT MONTEVIDEO.

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FOR DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE CENTRE.

POINTS NOT YET COVERED RAISED BY YOUR VARIOUS SIGNALS.

1. HEAVY ARMY EQUIPMENT.

ARGENTINE PRESS 10 APRIL CARRIES MENTION FOR FRIST TIME OF  
QUOTE ARTILLERY PIECES UNQUOTE AND QUOTE VARIOUS TANKS UNQUOTE.  
AM SEEKING COLLATERAL BUT WHATEVER IS IN STANLEY  
ADDITIONAL TO INITIAL ASSAULT EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED  
BY C130. MY GUESS IS THAT IF IT FITS(?) THE PANZERJAEGER  
WILL HAVE HAD FIRST PRIORITY FOLLOWED BY TAM AND 105MM FIELD GUN.

2. SEA MINES.

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L I KNOW I PASSED ON TO NA. I.E. ARGENTINE FIRM KEMFIS MANAGED BY ENGLISHMAN TOLD ME THEY HAD MANUFACTURED SOME QUOTE MAGNETIC MINES UNQUOTE WHICH THEY HAD SOLD TO ARA. I WILL TRY AND GET MORE BUT CANNOT OF COURSE GET BACK TO MY ORIGINAL SOURCE. ARGENTINE PRESS 11 APRIL STATES THAT ARGENTINA HAS ANNOUNCED THE QUOTE SEA THAT THE FOUR (UK) SUBMARINES WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH IS MINED UNQUOTE.

3. RELIEF OF MARINES BY ARMY.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME MARINES IN THE ISLANDS BUT TRAVELLERS REPORT THAT LVTP 7'S HAVE LEFT STANLEY BY SHIP. THE MAIN DEFENCE OF STANLEY IS HOWEVER DEFINITELY IN THE HANDS OF 9 BDE (ARMY).

4. RECOILLESS ANTI TANK.

I CAN MAKE NO RPT NO ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS BUT OF COURSE THEY ARE STANDARD INF BN WEAPON. (105 MM CZEKALSKI AND PAMPERO : 127 MM SAPBA : 75MM NOMENCLATURE NK AND 90MM EX USA). 106 MM RCL IS MARINE WEAPON.

5. HELICOPTERS.

INFORMATION IS AS AT 6 APRIL WHEN ONE SEA KING WAS REPORTED ON STANLEY STRIP.

6. AIRCRAFT.

BOTH MEN AND MATERIAL ARE REPORTED BY PRESS AS BEING CARRIED ON C130 AIRLIFT TO STANLEY.

7. PUCARA AND MS760.

TRAVELLER SAID HE SAW PUCARA AND MS 760 AS REPORTED AND FROM QUESTIONING I AM SATISFIED HE GOT IT RIGHT.

8. FLY PAST WAS OFF CARRIER AS STATED AND THEREFORE PRESUMABLY BY A4Q AIRCRAFT.

9. SOURCES.

I HAVE NO MORE TRAVELLERS HERE YET BUT OF COURSE HAVE LAID TRAPS FOR ANY WHO ARRIVE. UNTIL THEN I WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT RELEVANT PRESS AND PURSUE OTHER MEANS TO GET INFO ON SITUATION IN SOUTH AND IN ISLANDS.

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