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FROM PORT STANLEY 211530Z DEC  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 597 OF 21 DECEMBER

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1. COUNCIL MET FROM 16 TO 19 DECEMBER INCLUSIVE AND PASSED THE APPROPRIATION (1982-83) ORDINANCE WITH SOME AMENDMENTS MADE BY SELECT COMMITTEE. TOTAL EXPENDITURE £3,920,611. TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE £3,070,097. REVENUE £3,421,990. DETAILS FOLLOW IN BAG.

2. FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE PASSED:

"THAT THIS HOUSE RECOGNISES THAT STANLEY ROADS HAVE PASSED THE POINT OF BEING IN URGENT NEED OF REPAIR AND NOW HAVE BECOME AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. IT THEREFORE URGES HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO FIND AND EMPLOY A CIVIL CONTRACTOR, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE LOCAL LABOUR FORCE AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEARLY INADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT THE REPAIRS."

ONE COUNCILLOR (TONY BLAKE) VOTED AGAINST ON THE GROUNDS THAT, IF WE DID NOTHING, THE MILITARY WHO HAD CAUSED MOST OF THE DAMAGE WOULD HAVE TO REPAIR THE ROADS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THE ISLANDERS'.

3. "THAT THIS COUNCIL WELCOMES THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (AMENDMENT) BILL THROUGH THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND WISHES TO RECORD ITS THANKS TO BARONESS VICKERS AND HER SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF. FURTHER IT CALLS ON THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO ALLOW TIME FOR DEBATE OF THIS AMENDMENT AND TO GIVE IT AS EASY A PASSAGE AS IT IS HAVING THROUGH THE HOUSE OF LORDS."

4. FOLLOWING MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN, FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY ME THAT WE WOULD REVIEW THE SITUATION MONTHLY AND TAKE THE 'FORREST' OFF MILITARY CHARTER IF SHE WAS NEEDED TO RE-SUPPLY SETTLEMENTS: "THAT THIS COUNCIL ASKS THE ADMINISTRATION TO WITHDRAW THE MV FORREST FROM CHARTER AND USE IT TO SHIP ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO CAMP, AND THAT IT BE KEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING FUEL AND STORES TO CAMP STATIONS AND OUTLYING ISLANDS UNTIL THIS COUNCIL IS SATISFIED THAT SUPPLIES TO CAMP HAVE REACHED A SATISFACTORY LEVEL."

IN WITHDRAWING HIS MOTION, COUNCILLOR TONY BLAKE EXPRESSED HIS CONSTITUENTS' CONCERN ABOUT THE AD HOC AND OFTEN INADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT TO AND FROM CAMP.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 575 OF 14 DECEMBER  
INFO IMMEDIATE ODA

FROM PALMER AND PATTISON  
REHABILITATION: STANLEY ROADS

1. TOWN ROADS ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING IMPASSABLE AND AIRPORT ROAD IS IN AN APPALLING STATE. DETERIORATION HAS ACCELERATED IN LAST THREE WEEKS. UNLESS MAJOR REMEDIAL WORK IS UNDERTAKEN BEFORE WINTER, TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION WILL BECOME NECESSARY FOR MUCH OF THE NETWORK.
2. FORCES ACCEPT THAT 90 PER CENT OF DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THEIR TRAFFIC SINCE RE-POSSESSION. HOWEVER, ROYAL ENGINEERS WILL NOT HAVE SPARE CAPACITY FOR ROAD REPAIR THIS SEASON. COASTAL SITE WORK AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION WORK MUST COME FIRST. PWD ARE UNDERTAKING SOME FIRST AID ON ROADS (WITH A GANG OF SIX) BUT HOUSING PROJECT WILL OCCUPY THE REST OF THEIR ROADS CAPACITY FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.
3. THERE MAY BE ROOM FOR ARGUMENT AS TO WHETHER PWD OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE REMEDIAL WORK, BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY CANNOT FIND THE LABOUR TO DO SO IN THE CURRENT SEASON. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT A CONTRACTOR BE BROUGHT IN TO REPAIR TOWN ROADS AND AIRPORT ROAD. AIM SHOULD BE TO MOBILIZE EARLY IN FEBRUARY WITH WORK SCHEDULE RUNNING TO MID-APRIL. CONTRACTOR WILL BE ABLE TO BORROW SOME PLANT, BUT WILL NEED TO BRING LABOUR, MOST PLANT, AND SPECIALIST MATERIALS. PWD WILL PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON REQUIREMENTS BY 1 JANUARY.
4. PENDING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION, ODA AND CROWN AGENTS SHOULD CONSIDER BASICS FOR TENDER AND CANDIDATES FOR INVITATION TO TENDER. PAULINGS MUST BE INCLUDED IN VIEW OF TROUBLE TAKEN BY COULSON TO TRAVEL HERE TO ASSESS PROSPECTS FOR HIMSELF.
5. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IF COST PLUS APPROACH IS FOUND TO BE ONLY FEASIBLE BASIS OF OPERATION. USE OF A CROWN AGENTS MANAGEMENT TEAM MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, TO HANDLE BOTH QUANTITY SURVEYING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS WITHIN AID RULES.
6. CONTRACT WILL COVER WORK ON TWELVE KILOMETRES OF TOWN ROADS

is this recommendation accepted?

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AND ON VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE AIRPORT ROAD. PWD ESTIMATE THAT TOWN ROAD WORK WOULD COST ABOUT £500,000 IF CAPACITY WERE AVAILABLE LOCALLY. EXTRA COST OF CONTRACT APPROACH WILL BE JUSTIFIED BY PROSPECT OF MAJOR DAMAGE ESCALATION IF WORK WERE NOT COMPLETED THIS SEASON.

7. IN VIEW OF CAUSE OF PROBLEM, IT MAY BE THAT FUNDS SHOULD BE FOUND FOR THIS PROJECT FROM PROPOSED MOD CONTRIBUTION TO NEW REHABILITATION GRANT.

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