

FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (ADVANCES)

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PS  
 PS/MR HURD  
 PS/MR ONSLOW  
 PS/MR RIFKIND  
 /PUS  
 SIR J BULLARD  
 SIR I SINCLAIR  
 MR GIFFARD  
 MR WRIGHT  
 MR ADAMS  
 LORD N G LENNOX  
 MR EVANS  
 MR URE  
 MR GILLMORE

IMMEDIATE

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST (3)

PS/S OF S FOR DEFENCE  
 MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD

PS/CHANCELLOR )  
 MR ILETT ) TREASURY  
 MR LITTLER )

SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
 MR A D S GOODALL ) CABINET OFFICE  
 DIO )

MR M A PATTISON, FID, ODA

MR A TITCHENER )  
 MR C H ROBERTS, IAT ) DOT  
 MR A FORTNAM

HD/PUSD (2)  
 HD/SAMD  
 HD/FID  
 HD/DEFENCE DEPT  
 HD/NEWS DEPT  
 HD/ERD  
 HD/ECD(E)  
 HD/UND  
 HD/PLANNING STAFF

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DESK BY 261300Z. YOUR TELNO PERSONAL 22: ARGENTINE NEXT-OF-KIN  
 1 AFTER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH URE I DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH  
ALL COUNCILLORS PRESENT EXCEPT LUXTON (WHO WAS HOWEVER PRESENT WHEN  
 THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON 24 MARCH)  
 2 COUNCILLORS WERE MOST UNHAPPY AT PROSPECT OF ARGENTINES BEING  
 ALLOWED TO SET FOOT ON FALKLAND ISLANDS SOIL BUT RECONGNISED  
 THE NEED TO JEOPARDISE OUR OWN NEXT-OF-KIN VISIT NEXT MONTH. I  
 EXPLAINED HOW YOU PROPOSED TO HANDLE THE VISIT AND PUT ACROSS THE  
 CONCEPT THAT NEXT-OF-KIN WOULD BE IN QUOTE BOND UNQUOTE AND IN TRAN-  
 SIT AND THERFORE IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES MIGHT BE WAIVED WITHOUT  
 INFRINGING BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY. COUNCILLORS REMAINED SUSPICIOUS AND  
 SCEPTICAL BUT AGREED TO THE VISIT ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:  
 A. DESTENFANIS SHOULD BE TOLD THROUGH THE ICRC THAT NAMED NEXT-OF-  
 KIN COULD COME TO SEE THE GRAVES OF NAMED DEAD PROVIDED THAT THEY

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C. THE SHIP SHOULD NOT BE ARGENTINE, NOR SHOULD ANY OF ITS CREW

D. THE SHIP MUST FLY THE COURTESY FLAG

E. NO PHOTOGRAPHERS, PRESSMEN OR CAMERAS SHOULD BE ALLOWED (AN OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER WOULD BE PROVIDED AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CEMETERY GIVEN TO NEXT-OF-KIN)

F. THE VISIT MUST NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE VISIT OF BRITISH NEXT-OF-KIN

3 COUNCILLORS SEE THE FIRST AND LAST CONDITIONS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT THEY NEVER WANTED THE ARGENTINE BODIES TO BE BURIED HERE AND THEY CONSIDER THAT IT IS A REASONABLE REQUEST THAT NEXT-OF-KIN SHOULD TAKE THEIR DEAD BACK WITH THEM. IF THE PROPOSED SHIP IS NOT SUITABLE DESTEFANIS SHOULD FIND ONE THAT IS. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, COUNCILLORS BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE NO END TO SUCH VISITS

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