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PRIME MINISTER

PROPOSED VISIT BY ARGENTINE NEXT-OF-KIN

When you spoke to me over the weekend I did not have available the minutes of the meeting of OD(EM) on 28 March (which I now attach). You will see that the minutes record your summing up as including the following:

> "If the ICRC were not able to organise the visit but were prepared to accept that it should be under their auspices and supervision, that would have in the last analysis to be accepted."

It was doubtless this that led FCO officials not to press the ICRC too hard on the question of organisation. But I agreed with the FCO over the weekend that whatever the ICRC's response was to our latest proposals on this matter, the FCO would indicate that it was inadequate and would not commit the Government further until you had had a chance to consider the position.

I have made it clear that Destefanis could under no circumstances land with the expedition.

A.S.C.

I remember the earlier point well. But nothing justifies the point in that telegram about the ICRC because the links between Jorge & the Sleftanis

5 April 1983

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