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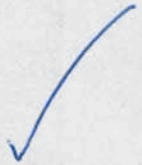
FROM PORT STANLEY 251350Z NOV 83
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 641 OF 25 NOVEMBER

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YOUR TELNOS 566 AND 568: DESTEFANIS

1. MY CHIEF POLICE OFFICER REPORTED ON ARRIVAL IN STANLEY THIS MORNING (25 NOVEMBER) THAT DESTEFANIS WAS SAFELY LOCKED IN KEITH SHACKLETON'S CABIN AND WOULD REMAIN THERE DURING LINDBLAD EXPLORER'S STAY IN STANLEY HARBOUR (SHE IS NOT ALONGSIDE JETTY) UNLESS HE CREATED A NUISANCE, IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD BE LOCKED IN A STOREROOM.
2. CPO BOARDED LINDBLAD EXPLORER AT NEW ISLAND ON 23 NOVEMBER. CAPTAIN NILSSON TOLD HIM THAT DESTEFANIS HAD SOMEHOW SECRETED HIMSELF ABOARD THE LINDBLAD EXPLORER AT MONTEVIDEO ALONG WITH OTHER PASSENGERS AND WAS NOT NOTICED UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING. HE SLEPT IN THE LIBRARY AND ANNOUNCED HIMSELF TO CAPTAIN NILSSON AT 7 AM.
3. CPO INTERVIEWED DESTEFANIS, WHO SAID THAT HE AND PIZARRO HAD TAKEN THE FERRY FROM BUENOS AIRES TO MONTEVIDEO AND MADE THEIR WAY TO THE DOCK WHERE HE KNEW LINDBLAD EXPLORER WOULD BE TIED UP. ~~HE SAID HE HAD SEEN PIZARRO AT THE GUNNY SIDE AND HAD NOT SEEN HIM SINCE. HE SIMPLY WALKED UP THE GANGWAY WITH OTHER PASSENGERS WHEN THEY ARRIVED BY COACH AND MINGLED WITH THEM UNTIL THE SHIP SAILED. CPO SAID THAT DESTEFANIS WAS PLAYING THE "LITTLE BOY LOST", PLEADING WITH HANDS TOGETHER AND TEARS IN HIS EYES THAT HE WANTED ONLY TO SET FOOT ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND SEE WHERE HIS DEAR NEPHEW WAS BURIED. ON BEING LOCKED IN SHACKLETON'S CABIN THIS MORNING AS THE SHIP SAILED INTO STANLEY~~



SHACKLETON'S CABIN THIS MORNING AS THE SHIP SAILED INTO STANLEY HARBOUR, HOWEVER, HIS MOOD CHANGED COMPLETELY, HE STARTED RANTING AND RAVING ABOUT HIS RIGHTS AND HAMMERING ON THE DOOR. CAPTAIN NILSSON WAS WORRIED THAT HIS NOISY BEHAVIOUR WOULD UPSET THE PASSENGERS. HE DOES NOT RELISH THE PROSPECT OF TAKING HIM ALL THE WAY SOUTH AND BACK TO PUNTA ARENAS.

4. PASSENGERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE AMERICAN AND IN THEIR LATE 60S, ARE UNSYMPATHETIC BUT CONCERNED THAT THEIR ARGENTINE STOWAWAY MIGHT UPSET THEIR HOLIDAY BY SETTING FIRE TO THE CABIN, DOING HIMSELF AN INJURY OR OTHERWISE MAKING A NUISANCE OF HIMSELF. NILSSON WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO DISEMBARK DESTEFANIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT I HAVE SAID THAT IT IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION TO LET HIM COME ASHORE HERE.

5. CPO PRODUCED A POSTER WHICH DESTEFANIS HAD PREPARED FOR HANGING OUTSIDE THE PORT-HOLE SAYING "HELP, I ONLY WANT TO VISIT THE ARGENTINE CEMETERY" (SIC).

6. CPO WILL KEEP GUARD ON DESTEFANIS THROUGHOUT LINDBLAD EXPLORER'S STAY IN STANLEY. SHE IS DUE TO DEPART AT 2100Z, TODAY.

7. CAPTAIN NILSSON HAS CARRIED OUT THOROUGH SEARCH OF SHIP AND IS CONFIDENT THAT PIZARRO IS NOT ABOARD. CHIEF POLICE OFFICER HAS CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED ALL PASSPORTS AND IS SATISFIED THAT PIZARRO IS NOT MASQUERADING UNDER ANOTHER NAME.

8. CAPTAIN NILSSON ALLOWED DESTEFANIS TO TELEPHONE HIS WIFE IN BUENOS AIRES TO SAY EHRE HE WAS BUT REFUSED HIS REQUEST TO TELEPHONE TAM DALYELL IN LONDON. HE AGREED WITH ME NOT TO ALLOW DESTEFANIS TO HAVE ANY OTHER TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMISED NOT TO ALLOW ANY JOURNALISTS TO SEE HIM.

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