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RECEIVED RE-REGISTRY NO.		
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Your reference	RIGER	RE-REGISTRY
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Our reference		WS 11/5
Date	4 May 1982	

Dear Hugh

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## BRAZILIAN PRESS COMMENT

1. Although there is a fair amount of Latin American solidarity rhetoric swilling around the Brazilian press, some hard-hitting editorial comment of a strongly pro-British variety can be found in some of the serious papers, notably the Jornal do Brasil.
2. Our telegram number 150 of 2 May quoted excerpts from these pieces. I enclose here copies of some of the originals, together with a couple of splendid cartoons from the Jornal do Brasil. This current of serious comment cannot be ignored by Itamaraty in its balancing act.
3. I am copying the originals also to Information Department for possible use in translation in the worldwide information effort over the crisis. I regret that we here do not have capacity to do this translation, and certainly not in time for tomorrow's bag!
4. The information war is an important one, certainly not foreseen in the guidelines for recent inspections. We have asked PSD for authority to engage a good Portuguese translator for the duration of the crisis to speed up our distribution of British information to the Brazilian media. Some of the radio stations, for instance, will carry verbatim whatever is put in front of them. At the moment the Argentines are able to put more than we. I hope, therefore, that you and Information Department will support our request for speedy authorisation of this necessary extra translation capacity.

Yours ever  
Michael

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cc: Information Department, FCO