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FROM UKMIS GENEVA 061435Z OCT 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 503 OF 6 OCTOBER
INFO IMMEDIATE CIVIL COMMISSIONER PORT STANLEY, PRIORITY UKMIS
NEW YORK, BIS BUENOS AIRES, MONTEVIDEO, MODUK (DS11 DS14)

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FALKLANDS: ARGENTINE DEAD

1. THE ICRC HAVE TOLD US UNOFFICIALLY TODAY (6 OCTOBER) THAT THE ARGENTINES AFTER THEIR INITIAL FAVOURABLE REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT THEIR DEAD BE REPATRIATED (ADAMS' LETTER OF 19 AUGUST NOT TO ALL) HAVE NOW APPARENTLY CHANGED THEIR LINE.
2. JOSSERON SAID THAT ICRC DELEGATES IN BUENOS AIRES HAVE REPORTED THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE NOW VERY CAUTIOUS AND THAT THEIR FORMAL REPLY, EXPECTED SHORTLY, WILL 'ALMOST CERTAINLY' REJECT THE PROPOSAL.
3. JOSSERON SAID THAT THE ICRC WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED AS AS THEY HAD WARMLY WELCOMED THE IDEA. THEIR FIRST CONCERN WAS THE FAMILIES WHO ARE SAYING PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY THAT THEY WANT THE

FAMILIES WHO ARE SAYING PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY THAT THEY WANT THE BODIES RETURNED. HE REGRETTED THAT ARGENTINA APPEARED TO BE MAKING A POLITICAL ISSUE OF A HUMANITARIAN OFFER AND THOUGHT THAT THE CHANGE OF HEART WAS DUE TO THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE WITHIN ARGENTINE MILITARY CIRCLES.

4. THIS REGRETTABLE DEVELOPMENT MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEXT OF KIN VISITS (YOUR TELNO 515 TO MONTEVIDEO).

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