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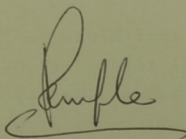
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COMMODORO CAVANDOLI AND FISHING

1. The Argentine Ambassador telephoned this morning with a further message from Commodoro Cavandoli concerning the possibility of informal discussions on the Falkland Islands during Mr Ridley's fishing holidays in Scotland.

2. Having conveyed to the Commodoro the dates discussed when the Ambassador called yesterday, the Ambassador told me that Cavandoli would be prepared to put off his meeting in Buenos Aires on 29 or 30 July (with Under Secretary Bowdler) so that he could be with Mr Ridley between 28-30 July. Alternatively, if the Cabinet had not discussed the Falklands question by then the Commodoro would like to come for either of the two periods at the end of August (21-23, and 28-30 August). The Ambassador told me that Cavandoli hoped very much that the Cabinet would have discussed the question before the summer break, to enable this meeting between Mr Ridley and himself to take place.

3. I promised to pass this message to Mr Ridley immediately on his return.



K D Temple
PS/Mr Ridley

17 June 1980

The Ambassador seems unwilling to let us
get this book: it was made clear that Mr
Ridley would find July difficult himself as
the horse would still be sitting. It amounts
in effect to some Argentine pressure now for
a further contact in the light of New York
Mr Wright

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF STATE AND THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HELD AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON MONDAY 16 JUNE AT 11.00 A.M.

Present

The Hon Mr Nicholas Ridley MP

HE Dr C Ortiz de Rozas,
 Argentine Ambassador

Mr G A Duggan, SAMD

Mr K D Temple, PS/Mr Ridley

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. Dr Ortiz de Rozas said that, when Dr Martinez de Hoz had called on Mr Ridley on 5 June, they had mentioned the possibility of his discussing the dispute over a fishing line in Scotland with Comodoro Cavandoli, informally in a pleasant atmosphere in which they might be able to make progress. He had since spoken with Comodoro Cavandoli on the 'phone and the latter shared Mr Ridley's view that an informal meeting was a good idea and he was happy to accept Mr Ridley's invitation.

2. Mr Ridley said that he would love Comodoro Cavandoli to come fishing with him. But to talk about the Falklands he would need to be sure where he was with his colleagues first: he had yet to discuss the New York meeting with them. He did not want to deceive Comodoro Cavandoli: it was a long way for him to come simply for the fishing. Dr Ortiz de Rozas confirmed that Comodoro Cavandoli's idea was not just to come for the fishing but to combine his visit with informal exchanges to try and make progress on the Falklands issue. He had not been aware of the position on Cabinet clearance when Mr Ridley had talked to Dr Martinez de Hoz. Mr Ridley said that he should have made himself clear. He needed to be sure about his remit. We should know before long now whether Cabinet would be able to take the matter before the House rose for the summer recess. It might be best if he were to send the Ambassador a message saying yes or no.

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3. Mr Ridley suggested that they look at dates. He planned to go fishing at the end of July and at the end of August. July was looking difficult as the House would be sitting and he might not be able to get away. Dr Ortiz de Rozas said that both would be all right for Comodoro Cavandoli, although the end of July was a bit complicated as he had to be back in Buenos Aires on 29 July for the visit of a colleague from the State Department. It was agreed that July was impossible. In late August, Mr Ridley suggested dates of 21, 22 and 23 August or 28, 29 and 30 August: it was not possible to fish in Scotland on a Sunday. Dr Ortiz de Rozas said that Comodoro Cavandoli had indicated that he would be free in late August so he assumed that either date would suit.

4. Dr Ortiz de Rozas recalled that in New York Mr Ridley had said that he hoped to be able to take matters further with his colleagues within 4 - 6 weeks. Mr Ridley said that this had been his hope but it had not worked out this way. Dr Ortiz de Rozas asked whether we had any idea when Cabinet would discuss the question. If Ministers were able to do so before August, Comodoro Cavandoli's exchanges with Mr Ridley at the end of August could then be followed by the customary meeting between Foreign Ministers in the margins of the UN General Assembly meeting in New York at the end of September. He asked whether Mr Ridley still thought an informal get-together was a good idea. Mr Ridley confirmed that he did, though it depended to some extent on what Cabinet decided. An informal session was the right way to take this matter forward but he had to have Cabinet support. There was no date yet for the discussion in Cabinet, which faced a crush of business. In any case there was no need for the fishing question to pre-determine dates. He could still get together with Comodoro Cavandoli in September or October. He undertook to get in touch with the Ambassador as soon as he heard something from his colleagues. He asked the Ambassador to convey his best wishes to Comodoro Cavandoli.



5. Mr Ridley thanked Dr Ortiz de Rozas for bringing Dr Martinez de Hoz to see him recently. Dr Ortiz de Rozas said that Dr Martinez de Hoz had been delighted with his visit which had gone very well and been very fruitful. He had found a good response both from the private sector and during his official calls.

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17 June 1980

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