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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 50 OF 5 APRIL 1982

MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 47 - FALKLAND ISLANDS : PORTUGUESE ATTITUDE

1. DR LEONARDO MATHIAS PORTUGUESE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID YESTERDAY ON A RADIO PROGRAMME THAT IF BRITAIN ASKED TO USE THE LAJES AIR BASE IN THE AZORES TO REFUEL ITS AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FALKLANDS DISPUTE UNDER THE TERMS OF TREATIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE GRANTED. HE WENT ON TO CONDEMN ARGENTINA'S ACTION IN INVADING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2. I EXPECT TO CALL ON MATHIAS SHORTLY TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 34.

BYATT