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TELEGRAM NUMBER 53 OF 5 APRIL

FALKLANDS: EVACUATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE MARINES.

- 1. YOU WILL WISH TO KNOW THAT THE URUGUAYANS AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN MAGNIFICENT FROM THE MOMENT I WAS SUMMONNED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER LATE AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY 2 APRIL UNTIL THE TIME OF DEPARTURE OF THE VC 10 YESTERDAY. THEIR UNDERSTANDING, HELPFUL-NESS, EFFICIENCY AND COOPERATION HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE.
- 2. I SHOULD ALSO REPORT THAT THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTERVENED PERSONALLY AND SUCCESSFULLY WHEN THE ARGENTINIANS SAID THAT AFTER ALL THE GOVERNOR AND HIS FAMILY WOULD NOT BE ON THE

INTERVENED PERSONALLY AND SUCCESSFULLY WHEN THE ARGENTINIANS SAID THAT AFTER ALL THE GOVERNOR AND HIS FAMILY WOULD NOT BE ON THE ARGENTINIAN AIRCRAFT WITH THE MARINES.

3. WHILE I AM OFFICALLY EXPRESSING GRATITUDE, A MESSAGE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT YOUR END FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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