

TYPISTS

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PS  
PS/LPS  
PS/MR ONSLOW  
PS/MR RIFKIND  
PS/PUS  
MR GIFFARD  
MR WRIGHT  
MR ADAMS  
MR URE  
MR GILLMORE

PS No.10 DOWNING ST.

PS/CHANCELLOR  
SIR K COUZENS  
MR LITTLER  
MR HAWTIN  
MR PERETZ  
MR ILETT  
MR McINTYRE

H.M.TSY

*If that's what B.A. is not successful a message would help (be very good)*

HD/SAMD (FCO DIST + A/D F/I)  
HD/DEF D  
HD/NEWS D  
HD/UND  
HD/PLANNING STAFF  
HD/HKGD

Miss DICKSON (EIP DIV) D/EN  
DIO CABINET OFFICE  
MR WADE-GERY CABINET OFFICE  
MR FULLER SAPU CABINET OFFICE

RESIDENT CLERK

(Copies passed to Emergency Staff, MOD Sitcen and CinC Fleet)

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CONFIDENTIAL

DESKBY 140900Z

FM CANBERRA 140439Z APR 82

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 155 OF 14 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

*p.a. AR 15/4*

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D/By 140900Z

IMMEDIATE

FALKLAND ISLANDS: THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 0500 HOURS YOUR TIME ON 14 APRIL AND SAW ME ALONE. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD ASSURED US OR THE ARGENTINIANS THAT, IF IT CAME TO A CHOICE, THEY WOULD SUPPORT US RATHER THAN THE ARGENTINIANS. HE BELIEVED MOST STRONGLY THAT THE AMERICANS IN EFFECT HAD NO CHOICE: THEY MUST IF IT CAME TO THE POINT SUPPORT THEIR STRONGEST AND STAUCHEST EUROPEAN ALLY BY ACTIONS AS WELL AS WORDS, AND THEY SHOULD MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR TO THE ARGENTINIAN JUNTA THAT THIS WAS THEIR POSITION. HOWEVER, MR RUPERT MURDOCH HAD SPOKEN ON THESE LINES AT A HIGH LEVEL IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, AND HAD REPORTED TO MR FRASER THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN REASSURED BY THE REPLIES WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS.

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3. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS. I GAVE MR FRASER NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT ANY REPLY WHICH YOU MAY INSTRUCT ME TO GIVE TO HIM WOULD NECESSARILY ENLIGHTEN HIM ABOUT THE UNITED STATES' POSITION.

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