

TYPISTS

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS ✓

(29)

PS

~~PS/LTS~~

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

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 Sitten and CinC Fleet)

GRS 340

CONFIDENTIAL

FM WASHINGTON 151638Z APR 82
TO IMMEDIATE F C O

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1286 OF 15 APRIL

INFO PRIORITY BRAZILIA, MEXICO CITY, SANTIAGO, MONTEVIDEO, LA PAZ,
LIMA, BOGOTA, ASUNCION, UKMIS NEW YORK, QUITO, UKDEL NATO.

FALKLANDS

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE TALK WITH EAGLEBURGER AND HIS ASSISTANTS TODAY THE SUBJECT CAME UP OF THE NATURE OF THE REGIME THAT AL HAIG WAS DEALING WITH IN BA. EAGLEBURGER ADMITTED THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY UNSTABLE AND DIFFICULT TO MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT. BUT IT WAS THE U.S. VIEW, THAT ANY SUCCESSOR REGIME TO CALTIERI WOULD BE WORSE. EAGLEBURGER ADDED THAT THIS WAS ALSO KISSINGER'S VIEW AS HE HAD EXPRESSED IT TO HIM AND ME THE OTHER NIGHT.

2. I SAID THAT I DID NOT GO ALONG WITH THIS VIEW. IN PRINCIPLE I KNEW THAT FOREIGN MINISTRIES TENDED TO BELIEVE IN AND PREFER THE STATUS QUO IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO CHANGE. I HAD A STRONG RECOLLECTION OF ARRIVING IN THE USA ON THE DAY STALIN'S DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED WHEN THERE WAS A GENERAL AMERICAN VIEW THAT THIS WAS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE AT ANY RATE THE AMERICANS KNEW WHERE THEY WERE WITH UNCLE JOE. SO FAR AS GALTIERI WAS CONCERNED, IF GALTIERI SURVIVED AND COULD MAKE OUT THAT HE HAD HAD SOME SORT OF SUCCESS, AND HE WOULD NOT SURVIVE UNLESS HE COULD DO THIS, WE WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH A BAD MAN WHO ALSO HAD AN AURA OF ACHIEVEMENT BY AGGRESSION ON HIS SIDE. IT MIGHT BE THAT IF HE WAS SUCCEEDED IT WOULD BE BY SOME PRETTY UNDESIRABLE LEADER OR JUNTA BUT AT ANY RATE THEY WOULD NOT HAVE THE CROWN OF SUCCESS UPON THEIR HEADS. NO DOUBT THEY WOULD BE BAD BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE MUCH TO BE SAID IN FAVOUR OF GALTIERI.

3. THE AMERICANS SEEM TO THINK THAT GALTIERI'S MAIN PROBLEM WAS GOING TO BE WITH THE NAVAL COMMAND. HAIG HAD SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN SO BELLICOSE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE AS THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICERS IN BUENOS AIRES.

HENDERSON

NNNN

KKKKKKKKKKKK

V

QSL FLASH KKK

WONFO 053/15

WONNY 026/15

XX
1732