

CONFIDENTIAL

CONSULAR SITREP 0800 HOURS, 6 MAY

Returnees

1. Only two of the returnees, the Loves have been positively identified. Stephen Love was a Defence Attaché in Buenos Aires and the Welfare Section of MOD have been informed of his return. A telegram was sent to Montevideo asking for help in identifying the three other passengers mentioned by British Caledonian and they remain unknown. J&SIW have been informed of this. I suggested that Reg Williams when he contacted them could inform Colonel Redfearn if he felt they had anything of value to communicate.

South American Reactions

2. Two points may be of interest on the consular side. The first of which is a possible break off of telecommunication contact with Peru and the second a possible Latin American boycott of British aircraft. This could not come into effect before the weekend.

Prisoners of War

3. ICRC are aware of our thinking on the return of POWs to Argentina. They have a representative in Ascension. The present plan is for them to be returned by civilian aircraft to Brazil or Uruguay.

4. Otherwise intense activity on the diplomatic side but an extremely quiet night from the Consular point of view.

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