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FALKLAND ISLANDS: FCO SITREP: 0730 HOURS, 6 MAY

US/PERUVIAN PEACE PLAN

1. Mr Haig has accepted our three amendments to his revised proposals for a ceasefire and settlement. The Americans are seeking to clear the amended text with the President of Peru. They aim to have it transmitted at mid-day today to the UK/Argentina. The US favours a time limit of 24 hours for replies accepting the proposals.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

2. The UK was almost entirely isolated during informal Security Council discussions on 5 May. A further informal meeting is to be held today. The text of the Presidential Statement which was issued after the meeting is attached. It makes no mention of SCR.502.

3. The UN Secretary-General said publicly that Argentina had accepted his proposals aimed at settling the Falklands crisis, thus bringing UN activity into sharper focus. Sr Costa Mendez is due to arrive in New York today. He may try to use discussions at the UN to aim for a ceasefire without a commitment for Argentinian withdrawal from the Islands, thereby jeopardising the US/Peruvian Peace Plan.

NAM

4. The coordinating bureau of NAM yesterday adopted a communiqué on the lines of their earlier communiqué of 26 April. It confirms non-aligned support for Argentinian sovereignty over the Islands.

HMS SHEFFIELD

5. Early this morning, MOD informed Emergency Unit of the casualty list for HMS Sheffield. This is as follows:

268 survivors, 1 confirmed dead, 5 presumed dead,
13 RN personnel missing, 1 Hong Kong laundryman
missing.

We await a full list of names.

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US PRESS COMMENTARIES ON NAVAL ACTIVITY IN OR NEAR THE TEZ

6. In order to allay fears among naval families arising from these commentaries, MOD took the following defensive line in answer to press enquiries:

'At 2200 hours BST, there had been no enemy activity since the attack on HMS Sheffield.'



6 May, 1982

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