

Emergency Room

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TO IMMEDIATE BERNE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 93 OF 8 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE MONTEVIDEO (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR), WASHINGTON  
THREAT OF ASSASSINATION OF STAFF/UK CITIZENS IN THIRD COUNTRIES

1. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS TO SPEAK TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY IN BUENOS AIRES AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE, TO PASS ON THE FOLLOWING.

2. SOME BRITISH EMBASSIES IN THIRD COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE  
NEIGHBOURING ARGENTINA, HAVE RECEIVED THREATS FROM ORGANISA-  
TIONS CLAIMING TO SUPPORT THE ARGENTINE POSITION. THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT DO NOT KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THESE GROUPS, BUT BELIEVES  
THAT IT HAS TO TAKE THE THREATS SERIOUSLY. THE BRITISH BELIEVE  
THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SHOULD KNOW OF THIS AT A HIGH  
LEVEL: THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY ATTACKS WERE MADE ON  
BRITISH OFFICIALS OR CITIZENS IT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE A MOST  
DAMAGING EFFECT ON BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION AND ON WORLD OPINION.  
THAT COULD MAKE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE  
CURRENT DISPUTE VERY MUCH HARDER.

3. *Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4).  
Wayland, 17 April 2012*

IF THE  
SWISS ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ACTION AS REQUESTED WE ARE UNLIKELY TO  
BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM ANY FURTHER DETAILS. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT  
THE SWISS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PASS ON A MESSAGE OF THIS SORT  
ON OUR BEHALF, WITHOUT ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES WITH ITS CONTENT.  
IF PRESSED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE THREATS YOU CAN REFER TO  
THE STORIES CARRIED IN THE EVENING STANDARD ON 23 APRIL AND  
TIMES OF 24 APRIL.

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