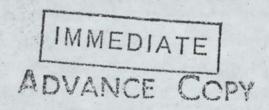
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GRS 320 CONFIDENTIAL DESKBY Ø9Ø9ØØZ FM UKMIS GENEVA Ø9Ø73ØZ MAY 82 TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 226 OF 9 MAY 1982 INFO IMMEDIATE BERNE, BRASILIA, MONTEVIDEO, WASHINGTON, MODUK (DS 8 AND DS11).



YOUR TELNO 156: REPATRIATION OF POWS : TELECONS HART/HOOD.

- 1. ICRC HAVE CONTACTED MARTINAIR WHO HAVE CONFIRMED AVAILABILITY OF A DC 10 . ICRC HAVE THEREFORE PROVISIONALLY RESERVED THE DC 10 (REGISTRATION P H M B P) TO LEAVE AMSTERDAM ON 11 MAY AT Ø2ØØ LOCAL TIME AND TO ARRIVE ASCENSION ISLAND AT Ø9ØØ LOCAL TIME. (ICRC HAVE NOW ADDED THAT ITS PROPOSED DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASCENSION WOULD BE 1100 ON 11 MAY). IT WOULD FLY UNDER THE ICRC FLAG.
- 2. AS YOU KNOW, THE ICRC NEEDED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- (A) CONFIRMATION THAT FACILITIES EXIST ON ASCENSION TO RECEIVE AND REFUEL A DC 10 (WE UNDERSTAND THE DC 10 WILL REQUIRE 75 TONS OF FUEL) ..
 - (B) WAS TIMETABLE ACCEPTABLE.,

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 75 TONS OF FUEL).

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 (C) WOULD HMG AGREE TO THE DC 10 CONTINUING DIRECT TO
 BUENOS AIRES (ETA WOULD THEN BE 1520 LOCAL TIME)?

 THE BACKGROUND TO (C) IS THAT THIS IS USUAL ICRC PRACTICE
 WITH RECENT PRECEDENTS IN ISRAEL/ARAB COUNTRIES AND
 ANGOLA/SOUTH AFRICA. ICRC HAVE MADE A SIMILAR REQUEST TO THE
 ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

 3. ON ISTRUCTIONS WE HAVE GIVEN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS ON

 (A) (B) AND (C) AND ICRC UNDERTOOK TO PUT MARTINAIR IN
 DIRECT CONTACT WITH MODUK (DSB) TO CONFIRM DETAILS. ICRC EXPRESSED
 GRATITUDE FOR OUR PROMPT RESPONSE.
 - 4. ICRC ISSUED THE FOLLOWING SHORT PRESS COMMUNIQUE THIS EVENING (8 MAY):
 - PRISONERS.

 THREE ICRC DELEGATES INCLUDING ONE MEDICAL DOCTOR LEFT GENEVA TODAY
 IN ORDER TO REACH ASCENSION ISLAND. THEY ARE DUE TO VISIT,
 PRIOR TO REPATRIATION, 150 MILITARY AND 39 CIVILIAN ARGENTINIAN
 PRISONERS CAPTURED BY BRITISH ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH GEORGIA.
 VISIT WILL BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO USUAL ICRC CRITERIA:
 - 5. THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER ICRC INFORMED THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES OFFICIALLY THROUGH THEIR DELEGATE IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA.

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