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TYPISTS

Handwritten to Cheque 7/10

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 PS/MR HURD
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 MR BULLARD
 SIR I SINCLAIR
 MR GIFFARD
 MR WRIGHT
 MR ADAMS
 LORD N G LENNOX
 LORD BRIDGES
 MR URE
 MR GILLMORE
 HD/PUSD
 HD/S AM D
 HD/DEF DEPT
 HD/NEWS DEPT
 HD/ERD
 HD/ECD(E)
 H/UND
 HD/PLANNING STAFF
 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60
 EMERGENCY ROOM
 RESIDENT CLERK

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST (2)
 PS/S OF S FOR DEFENCE
 MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD
 PS/CHANCELLOR)
 SIR K COUZENS) TREASURY
 MR LITTLER)
 SIR R ARMSTRONG)
 SIR M PALLISER) CABINET
 MR WADE-GERY) OFFICE
 MR FULLER SAPU/DIO)
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 226 OF 9 MAY 1982

INFO IMMEDIATE BERNE, BRASILIA, MONTEVIDEO, WASHINGTON, MODUK (DS 8 AND DS11).

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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 0200 LOCAL TIME AND TO ARRIVE ASCENSION ISLAND AT 0900 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.,

(A) CONFIRMATION THAT PROTECTED AIRCRAFT
RECEIVE AND REFUEL A DC 10 (WE UNDERSTAND THE DC 10 WILL REQUIRE
75 TONS OF FUEL).

(B) WAS TIMETABLE ACCEPTABLE.

(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 (DS8) TO CONFIRM DETAILS. ICRC EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE FOR OUR PROMPT RESPONSE.

4. ICRC ISSUED THE FOLLOWING SHORT PRESS COMMUNIQUE THIS
EVENING (8 MAY):
BEGINS

" FALKLAND ISLANDS/ MALVINAS: ICRC TO VISIT ARGENTINIAN
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."
ENDS

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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