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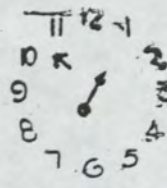
TO IMMEDIATE SANTIAGO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 227 OF 11 MAY.

YOUR TEL NO 217.

BBC LATIN AMERICAN SERVICE

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1. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP IN ENCOURAGING CHILEAN RADIO STATIONS TO ACCEPT BROADCASTING MATERIAL AND INFORMATION FROM THE BBC EXTERNAL SERVICES. WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO NOTE THAT RADIO POLAR OF PUNTA ARENAS IS HEARD CLEARLY IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. AT PRESENT WE SEE NO NEED TO ACCEPT THE STATIONS KIND OFFER OF RELAYING MESSAGES TO THE FALKLANDS SINCE THE BBC WORLD SERVICE IN ENGLISH IS BROADCASTING A SPECIAL DAILY PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THIS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF RADIO POLAR COULD CARRY AS MUCH NEWS AS POSSIBLE FROM BRITISH SOURCES IN ORDER TO HELP EXPLAIN THE TRUE FACTS TO THE ARGENTINE GARRISON ON THE FALKLANDS AND THUS UNDERMINE THEIR MORALE.

2. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN WITH RADIO POLAR TOWARDS THIS END. WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH BBC MATERIAL THE STATION IS USING AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT IT. ARE ITS BROADCASTS IN THE MEDIUM WAVE AND ARE THEY SUFFICIENTLY QUOTE POPULAR UNQUOTE TO ENCOURAGE LISTENERSHIP AMONGST THE ARGENTINIAN TROOPS?

3. WE ALSO HOPE THAT PUNTA ARENAS MIGHT TAKE THE PROPOSED COI SPANISH RADIO SERVICE OUTLINED IN OUR TELEGRAM NO 228 TO MONTEVIDEO OF 10 MAY. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS?

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