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TELNO 232 OF 12 MAY

INFO MONTEVIDEO, BERNE, WASHINGTON

YOUR TELNO 162: FALKLANDS AND ICRC

1. WE PUT THESE POINTS TO ICRC TODAY (12 MAY).

2. JOSSERON ACKNOWLEDGED THEM, BUT SAID THAT THE ARGENTINIANS WERE TAKING THE LINE THAT THE ICRC TEAM SHOULD NOT(NOT) TRAVEL TO THE FALKLANDS BY SEA, ARGUING THAT THE JOURNEY WOULD BE DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT FOGS AND ROUGH SEAS AND THE PRESENCE OF THE TASK FORCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARGENTINIANS HAD NOT(NOT) OFFERED TO ARRANGE TRAVEL BY AIR.

3. JOSSERON SAID THAT THE ICRC DELEGATES IN BUENOS AIRES TENDED TO AGREE THAT SEA TRAVEL MIGHT BE DANGEROUS. THEY ALSO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING.

4. THERE IS AN IMPASSE HERE. WE AND ICRC ARE KEEN TO SEE ICRC DELEGATES ON THE FALKLANDS SOON, BUT THERE SEEMS LITTLE EARLY PROSPECT OF THIS GIVEN THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES OVER TRAVEL. ICRC WOULD BE KEEN TO FLY IN IF AN AIR CORRIDOR COULD BE NEGOTIATED. WITHOUT THIS THE ICRC WOULD HAVE TO KICK THEIR HEELS UNTIL THE ARGENTINES CHANGE THEIR LINE ON SEA TRAVEL.

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