

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL

PS/MR HURD  
PS/MR ONSLOW  
PS/PUS  
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)  
HD/UND  
HD/PLANNING STAFF  
MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60  
EMERGENCY ROOM  
RESIDENT CLERK

*W60 WED*

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

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FM STOCKHOLM 141100Z MAY 82  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 086 OF 14 MAY 1982  
INFO PRIORITY MODUK, PARIS, UKMIS GENEVA AND ASCENSION

YOUR TELNO 254 TO PARIS : FALKLANDS : ASTIZ

1. WHEN I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING ABOUT FALKLANDS HE WAS WELL PLEASED AT WHAT WE HAD DONE OVER ASTIZ. I STRESSED THAT HOLDING HIM DID NOT PREJUDGE ACTION AND WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE US TIME FOR REFLECTION. AT THIS STAGE WE HAD NOT AGREED THAT SWEDES COULD QUESTION HIM. POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, ACKNOWLEDGED FIRMLY ( TO GET IT FIXED IN ULLSTEN'S MIND, I THINK) THAT THIS WAS POSITION AND THAT TODAY'S LOCAL PRESS HAD GOT IT WRONG IN REPORTING PROMINENTLY THAT SWEDES WERE BEING ALLOWED ACCESS.

2. ULLSTEN SAID CHEYSSON HAD PHONED HIM YESTERDAY ABOUT ASTIZ AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. RECOGNISING BALL WAS IN OUR COURT, HE WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER WE WOULD ALLOW JOINT ACTION WITH FRENCH : ALSO IF WE HAD PREFERENCE FOR SWEDISH DIRECT QUESTIONING OF ASTIZ AS AGAINST BRITISH INTERROGATION ON BASIS OF SWEDISH WRITTEN QUESTIONS. I SAID WE WOULD TAKE THESE QUERIES INTO ACCOUNT. FRENCH AND SWEDISH REQUESTS WOULD OF COURSE BE TREATED

ACCOUNT. FRENCH AND SWEDISH REQUESTS WOULD OF COURSE BE TREATED EQUALLY BUT I THOUGHT FRENCH PREPARATION MIGHT BE LESS ADVANCED THAN SWEDISH ONE. ULLSTEN ADDED THAT FRENCH CASE SEEMED WEAKER TOO.

3. ULSTEN ASKED IF I THOUGHT ASTIZ WOULD ANSWER QUESTIONS. I SAID PERSONALLY I WAS DOUBTFUL. MEANWHILE SWEDES EXPECT TO SEE ICRC INVOLVED (I HAD NOT THEN SEEN UKMIS GENEVA TEL NO 239)? ULLSTEN SAID ICRC HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL WHEN WE HAD STEERED SWEDES TO THEM ORIGINALLY, BUT HE IMAGINED THAT IF QUESTIONING TOOK PLACE ASTIZ WOULD NEED SOMEONE WATCHING HIS INTERESTS.

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