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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1034 OF 23 MAY  
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REQUEST FOR US MATERIAL SUPPORT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR NOTT TO MR WEINBERGER:

BEGINS:

I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE HELPFUL WAY IN WHICH, FOLLOWING OUR TALKS IN BRUSSELS EARLIER THIS MONTH, YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS APPROACHED THE QUESTION OF MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR UK FORCES. IN PARTICULAR, MY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOURS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE RELEASE OF 150,000 SQUARE YARDS OF AM2 AIRFIELD MATTING, WHICH I UNDERSTAND THE US MARINE CORPS HOLD AS WAR RESERVE. I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD AGREE TO THIS RELEASE AT A VERY EARLY DATE, IN WHICH CASE OUR OFFICIALS COULD JOINTLY WORK OUT THE DETAILS.

WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE MATTING SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN A SHIP WE WOULD CHARTER. WE SHOULD ALSO LOOK TO YOU FOR ANY SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIRED. AS TO THE FINANCIAL BASIS OF THE RELEASE, PERHAPS THIS COULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN OUR OFFICIALS: SINCE YOU WOULD NEED, I UNDERSTAND, TO ARRANGE FOR RESUPPLY YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH YOU WOULD SUPPLY TO US INITIALLY ON THE BASIS THAT THE MATTING WOULD BE RETURNED IF UNUSED. IF IT WERE USED, THEN WHEN THE PORT STANLEY AIRFIELD WAS PERMANENTLY REPAIRED WE WOULD RECOVER IT TO BECOME A USEFUL ENHANCEMENT OF THE UK'S CAPABILITY, FOR USE EITHER WITHIN NATO OR OUT OF AREA.

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PS/MR HURD

PS/MR ONSLOW

PS/LORD BELSTEAD

PS/PUS

MR BULLARD

SIR I SINCLAIR

MR GIFFARD

MR WRIGHT

MR GILLMORE

MR URE

MR BARRETT

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PS/HOME SECRETARY

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PS/ATTORNEY GENERAL

PS/CHANCELLOR DUCHY OF LANCASTER

PS/SIR R ARMSTRONG

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