

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (39)

PS
PS/MR HURD
PS/MR GNSLOW
PS/PJS
MR BULLARD
SIR I SINCLAIR
MR GIFFARD
MR WRIGHT
MR ADAMS
LORD N G LENNOX
LORD BRIDGES
MR URE
MR GILLMORE
HD/PUSD (2)
HD/S AM D
HD/DEF DEPT
HD/NEWS DEPT
HD/ERD
HD/ECD(E)
HD/UND Hd/M+CD
HD/PLANNING STAFF
MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60
EMERGENCY ROOM
RESIDENT CLERK

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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 PANAMA CITY 241312Z MAY 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO DESKBY 241500Z MAY
TELEGRAM NUMBER 84 OF 24 MAY
INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

UKMIS NEW YORK TELEGRAM NUMBER 827 TO YOU. FALKLANDS: SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. I HAVE NOT YET SEEN ILLUECA'S STATEMENTS BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS HERE HAS INCREASINGLY INDULGED IN PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE PRIME MINISTER. AN EDITORIAL IN CRITICA ON 22 MAY, FOR EXAMPLE, DESCRIBES HER AS A QUOTE HITLER WITH SKIRTS UNQUOTE WHOSE QUOTE INFINITE OBSTINACY UNQUOTE LEFT YOUNG IRISH REBELS TO DIE OF HUNGER.
2. THE TELEGRAM TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ABOUT WHICH, ON INSTRUCTIONS, I PROTESTED ON 14 MAY (MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 80) WAS, WHOEVER THE AUTHOR, SIGNED BY ROYO AND ONE MUST ASSUME HE CONCURRED IN ITS LANGUAGE. I SUSPECT THAT HE IS EITHER UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO CURB ILLUECA AND I DOUBT WHETHER REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM WOULD BE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THOSE MADE ON 14 MAY.
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3. IF, HOWEVER, YOU DECIDE THAT ILLUECA'S OUTPOURINGS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS WITHOUT COMMENT YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, CALLING IN THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON AND DELIVERING A FORMAL PROTEST TO HIM. IF NEWS OF THIS WERE GIVEN TO THE MEDIA - ESPECIALLY THE NEWS AGENCIES - IT WOULD QUICKLY FIND ITS WAY TO PANAMA. WE COULD ALSO PASS THE TEXT OF ANY PROTEST NOTE TO THE PANAMANIAN MEDIA. WHILE THIS WILL NOT ENDEAR US TO ROYO AND ILLUECA OR WEAKEN PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA (OF WHICH THERE IS NO HOPE ANYWAY) IT MAY AT LEAST SERVE TO AROUSE DECENT PANAMANIAN OPINION AND THUS HELP CURB FURTHER EXCESSES.

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