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TELEGRAM NUMBER 98 OF 25 MAY 1982
INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK (DS8) AND WASHINGTON

MIPT: USE OF LAJES.

1. FOLLOWING IS FREE TRANSLATION OF KEY PARAGRAPHS OF PORTUGUESE
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO ME OF 25 MAY:

BEGINS.

I HAVE PLEASURE IN CONFIRMING THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT,
CONSCIOUS OF THE OVERRIDING INTERESTS OF THE ANGLO-PORTUGUESE
ALLIANCE, HAS DECIDED TO GIVE ITS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO
THE REQUEST FORMULATED BY HMG THROUGH YOU, AFTER DULY
CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH A SERIOUS STEP WILL
HAVE FOR PORTUGAL. THE DETAILED REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE
THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL FOR APPRECIATION CASE BY CASE.

IT IS THE CONVICTION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT THAT HMG

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FOR ITS PART WILL KNOW HOW TO ASSESS WHAT THIS ATTITUDE
REPRESENTS IN TERMS OF PORTUGUESE SOLIDARITY WITH THE UK.
THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE IS CONFIDENT HMG WILL KNOW
HOW TO RESPOND WITH THE SAME SPIRIT IN WHICH THE PORTUGUESE
DECISION WAS TAKEN.

ENDS.

BYATT

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