

ADVANCE COPIES: FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (39)

PS
PS/CR EVED
PS/CR GIBSON
PS/PJS
MR BULLARD
SIR I SINCLAIR
MR GIFFARD
MR WRIGHT
MR ADAMS
LORD N G LEEFOX
LORD BRIDGES
MR URE
MR GILLORE
HD/PUSD (2)
HD/S AM D
HD/DEF DEPT
HD/NEWS DEPT
HD/EPD
HD/ECD(3)
HD/UND
HD/PLANNING STAFF
MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS T60
EMERGENCY ROOM ✓
RESIDENT CLERK

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST (2)
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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)

MR B FOR MODUK C IN C FLEET

Mrs Dickson, D/ENERG

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NO. 299 OF 29 MAY 92
INFO IMMEDIATE PARIS AND MODUK (DIC ARMS SALE).

OUR TELEGRAM NO. 298 OF 28 MAY
ARMS FOR ARGENTINA

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
ON 28 MAY.

BEGINS: IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTS ISSUED BY A FOREIGN PRESS AGENCY
TWO DAYS AGO CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF EXOCET MISSILES BY
FRANCE TO PERU THROUGH ITALIAN TERRITORY, THE FARNESINA NOTES THAT
NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE AND NO PERMISSION HAS THEREFORE BEEN GRANTED
FOR THE TRANSIT AND EXPORT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MATERIAL.

MOREOVER, IN LINE WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, FRANCE DOES NOT
ALLOW THE EXPORT OF MILITARY MATERIAL, UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY
THE REQUISITE LICENCE WHICH CERTIFIES AND GUARANTEES THE END USER.

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IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE TWO FRIGATES SUPPLIED IN THE PAST TO PERU, TO WHICH YESTERDAY'S NEWS ITEM MAKES AN INAPPROPRIATE REFERENCE, CARRY ITALIAN WEAPON SYSTEMS. THESE SYSTEMS ARE TO BE FITTED TO THE OTHER TWO SHIPS OF THE SAME CLASS WHICH ARE AT PRESENT BEING FITTED OUT IN PERUVIAN YARDS.

THE MINISTRY REPEATS THAT ITALY STICKS BY THE SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY MATERIAL TO ARGENTINA, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN COMPANY WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON THE MORROW OF THE OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINE). ENDS.

2. THE FOREIGN PRESS AGENCY REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT IS AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE WHOSE ORIGINAL REPORT CAME FROM LE HAVRE ON 26 MAY. THE REFERENCE IN THE FARNESINA STATEMENT TO SHIPS SUPPLIED TO PERU IS DESIGNED TO SCOTCH SUGGESTIONS MADE BY SOME JOURNALISTS THAT EXOCETS MIGHT BE SUPPLIED TO PERU TO BE FITTED TO SHIPS THAT PERU HAS BOUGHT FROM ITALY.

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