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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, BONN, MODUK AIR.



YOUR TELNO 263: VULCAN DIVERSION

1. THIS IS GOOD NEWS.
2. (A) MOD AGREE THAT THE MISSILE CAN BE RETAINED IN BRAZIL UNTIL THE END OF THE CONFLICT, PROVIDED THAT IT IS STORED IN AN ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENT IE. AS IT IS NOW. WE SHOULD LIKE THE DA TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE KEY. IF THE BRAZILIANS INSIST THAT IT SHOULD BE MOVED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

(B) WE AGREE TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING WITH THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:-

'HMG UNDERTAKES THAT THE VULCAN AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.XM 597 WILL TAKE NO FURTHER PART IN THE CURRENT HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE ARGENTINES.'

3. WE ARE HAPPY WITH POINTS (C) AND (D) IN YOUR TUR. WE DO NOT INTEND TO INITIATE ANY PRESS ENQUIRIES, BUT IF ON THE VULCAN'S RELEASE WE ARE ASKED ABOUT IT, WE AND THE MOD (SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS) INTEND TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE:-

'Q. HAS THE VULCAN BEEN RELEASED?

A. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE BRAZILIANS HAVE NOW RELEASED THE VULCAN AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD TO DIVERT TO BRAZIL LAST WEEK.

Q. ARE YOU PLEASED?

A. NATURALLY, WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ALLOWED OUR AIRCRAFT TO LEAVE.

Q. HOW WAS THIS DONE?



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- A. THE AMBASSADOR HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.
- Q. DID WE HAVE TO GIVE ANY ASSURANCES TO THE BRAZILIANS OPEN SQUARE BRACKETS THAT THE VULCAN WOULD NOT BE USED AGAIN IN HOSTILITIES CLOSE SQUARE BRACKETS?
- A. YES, WE GAVE ASSURANCES TO THE BRAZILIANS: THE DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
- Q. WHAT IS THE VULCAN GOING TO DO NOW?
- A. THAT IS A MATTER FOR THE MOD.
- Q. IS IT LEAVING ANY EQUIPMENT BEHIND?
- A. THAT IS A MATTER FOR THE MOD.
- Q. HAVE THE CREW BEEN WELL-TREATED?
- A. THE AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED EVERY COURTESY.'
4. IN YOUR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRAZILIANS, WE WOULD NOT OF COURSE WISH YOU TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT GIVE THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR CONCERN HAS IN ANY WAY LESSENERED AT THE USE OF RECIFE FOR THE CONTINUING PASSAGE OF ARMS SUPPLIES FOR ARGENTINA.

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