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 TO FLASH BONN  
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 294 OF 9 JUNE

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF EMERGENCY UNIT  
 WAS RECEIVED FROM BRASILIA TELEGRAM NO 263 OF 9/6.

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON (DESKBY 092100Z)

MY TELNO 258: VULCAN DIVERSION

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 4 P.M. (=091900Z) AND SAID  
 THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING RULING:

(A) THAT THE ARMAMENTS (IE THE MISSILE) TRANSPORTED ON THE  
 VULCAN AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE RETAINED IN BRAZIL UNTIL THE END OF  
 THE CONFLICT:

(B) THAT THE VULCAN ITSELF SHOULD BE HANDED BACK TO BRITAIN  
 IN RETURN FOR A WRITTEN UNDERTAKING FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
 THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD PLAY NO FURTHER PART IN WARLIKE OPERATIONS  
 IN THE MALVINAS (CF THE IDEA PUT BY SIR A ACLAND TO AMBASSADOR  
 CAMPOS - YOUR TELNO 169). A NOTE FROM ME TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
 WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE.

(C) THAT THE DECISION AT (B) WAS PURELY AD HOC AND DID NOT  
 CONSTITUTE A LEGAL PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE.

(D) THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR  
 TWO COUNTRIES, BRAZIL WOULD PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE LAST  
 PARAGRAPH OF THE BOUT DE PAPIER WHICH I HANDED OVER ON 5 JUNE  
 (PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF TUR REFERS).

2. GUERREIRO SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR  
 SOON ABOUT THIS DECISION. HE HOPED THAT THE ARGENTINE  
 GOVERNMENT WOULD SWALLOW IT: BUT HE WOULD NOT GIVE THEM THE  
 OPTION OF OBJECTING. NOTHING WOULD BE SAID TO THE PRESS UNTIL  
 OUR REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

3. ACTION NOW LIES WITH US. IF YOU CAN LET ME HAVE RAPID  
 AUTHORITY TO SEND A NOTE TO GUERREIRO IN THE APPROPRIATE TERMS  
 (WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO SPECIFY), I CAN ARRANGE TO TRANSMIT IT TO  
 ITAMARATY TONIGHT. IT MAY THEN TAKE SOME HOURS FOR THE  
 BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT MACHINE TO TRANSLATE THEIR AGREEMENT  
 IN PRINCIPLE INTO THE PRACTICAL MEASURES NEEDED TO ALLOW  
 THE VULCAN TO DEPART, MORE PARTICULARLY AS TOMORROW IS A PUBLIC  
 HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT BRAZIL (CORPUS CHRISTI).

5. I SUSPECT THAT THE BRAZILIANS WOULD BE QUITE GLAD TO GET  
 THE VULCAN AWAY FROM GALEAO BEFORE THE POPE ARRIVES THERE  
 AT 4 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON FRIDAY EN ROUTE FOR ARGENTINA. IT IS A  
 BIZARRE AND NOT A PARTICULARLY HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT ASTIZ  
 WILL BE ARRIVING AT RIO ON BRITISH CALEDONIAN'S FRIDAY MORNING  
FLIGHT ONLY TWO HOURS LATER.

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