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TO FLASH BRASILIA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 183 OF 9 JUNE
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?
   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 LESSENED AT THE
USE OF RECIFE FOR THE CONTINUING PASSAGE OF ARMS SUPPLIES FOR
ARGENTINA.

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