

*Argentina*FALKLAND ISLANDS : FCO SITREP (DETAILED VERSION) :0700 HOURS, 10 JUNE 1982

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Vulcan

1. The Brazilian President has conveyed his agreement that the Vulcan aircraft may leave Brazil but the missile should remain until the end of the conflict. He has asked for an undertaking that the aircraft would play no further part in warlike operations in the Falklands. On instructions, HM Ambassador has agreed to these terms and given the undertaking.

Astiz


2. News that the Argentine prisoner of war, Lt Commander Astiz, is to be repatriated on 10 June has now leaked (primarily through airline sources at Heathrow). Official spokesmen are, however, still taking the line that the arrangements for his travel are not yet certain.

Galtieri

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3. The Italians have told us in confidence of an interview President Galtieri has given to an Italian journalist which is due to be published soon in the 'Times'. Galtieri, who was tense and tired, said he would retire before the end of his mandate in 1984 if that were in the national interest. He did not correct the journalist when she took the fall of Port Stanley for granted, but implied that Argentina would nevertheless gain the victory in the longer term.

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