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MR LITTLER)
SIR R ARMSTRONG)
SIR M PALLISER) CABINET
MR WADE-GERY) OFFICE
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ICRC DELEGATION ON SS UGANDA

1. JOSSERON (ICRC) HAS TOLD US THIS MORNING (10 JUNE) THAT FOUR ICRC DELEGATES WERE TAKEN FROM THE UGANDA TO SAN CARLOS LAST NIGHT. BUT THE COMMANDER OF THE GARRISON WAS NOT EXPECTING THEM AND REFUSED TO ALLOW THEM TO STAY FOR MORE THAN A FEW HOURS.
2. ICRC ARE CONCERNED AT THIS LACK OF COMMUNICATION ON OUR SIDE AND ALSO AT THE CONDITIONS THEY WITNESSED IN SAN CARLOS. JOSSERON SAID THAT THE ICRC TEAM REPORTED THAT THE WOUNDED OF BOTH SIDES, POWS, GUARDS AND AMMUNITION HAVE ALL BEEN PLACED INTO THE LOCAL ABATTOIR IN APPALLING AND CRAMPED CONDITIONS. SECURITY WAS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE DELEGATES TO MAKE EVEN A BRIEF INVESTIGATION OF THE AREA.

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3. THIS INCIDENT IS EMBARRASSING GIVEN THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ESTABLISH AN ICRC PRESENCE ON THE ISLANDS SINCE HOSTILITIES BEGAN. THE ICRC TEAM HAD BEEN ON THE UGANDA FOR SOME 48 HOURS BEFORE THEIR LANDING, SURELY SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. EBERLIN, THE ICRC HOSPITAL SHIP EXPERT, REMAINS READY TO GO ON ANY OF THE ARGENTINE HOSPITAL SHIPS BUT ICRC SAY THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING CONTRADICTIONARY INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE SHIPS. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE BAHIA PARAISO WOULD MEET THE UGANDA ON 11 JUNE BUT THEIR DELEGATE IN BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT THE BAHIA PARAISO IS AT PRESENT IN A SOUTHERN ARGENTINE PORT AND WILL NOT SAIL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THERE ARE SIMILAR CONTRADICTIONS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF THE OTHER ARGENTINE HOSPITAL SHIPS, NONE OF WHICH APPEARS TO BE HEADING FOR PORT STANLEY.

5. JOSSERON WILL BE CONTACTING WING COMMANDER SMITH OF THE MOD POW BUREAU TODAY TO DISCUSS THESE POINTS.

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