

FALKLAND ISLANDS: FCO SITREP: 0730 HOURS 11 JUNE

ASTIZ

1. Lieutenant Commander Astiz left the UK at 2120 hours on the first leg of his journey back to Argentina. The plane also carried 20 journalists.

DETAINED VULCAN

2. The RAF Vulcan Bomber which had been detained by the Brazilian authorities was permitted to leave for Ascension Island, en route to the UK, at 1340 hours GMT.

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UNITED NATIONS

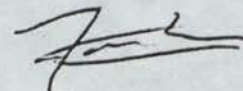
- A - UKMIS New York tel no 973 1. Under Secretary-General Brian Urquhart told Sir A Parsons on 10 June that Perez de Cuellar was thinking of briefing the Vactican Secretary of State Cardinal Casaroli (now in New York) to ask the Pope to press President Galtieri to accept the Secretary-General's latest proposals. Perez de Cuellar wanted to know whether acceptance by Galtieri would still be met with rejection by HMG. Sir A Parons explained why this was so, and asked Urquhart to dissuade Perez de Cuellar from launching an initiative by the Pope. Sir A Parsons suggested to the FCO that the Pope should be briefed on HMG's present position.
- B - FCO tel no 522 to UKMIS New York 2. On the assumption that it was too late to brief the Pope before his departure from Rome for Argentina, Sir A Parsons was instructed to brief Cardinal Casaroli. However, Sir A Parsons later saw the Secretary-General and repeated the points he had made to Urquhart. Perez de Cuellar said he did not think that Cardinal Casaroli would take any initiative of his own, and that since HMG could not accept his latest proposals or something like them, he would not himself be pursuing the idea of an approach to the Pope. In the light of this, Sir A Parsons thinks that it would be better for him not to seek out Cardinal Casaroli in case the latter might feel prompted to start thinking about initiatives.
- C - UKMIS New York tel no 975

VULCAN

- D - Britnavat Brasilia tel no 101623Z 3. The Vulcan and its crew left Rio de Janeiro for Ascension Island on 10 June.

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- E - Guidance tel no 124 4. Argentine prisoner of war Lt Cdr Astiz was repatriated via Brazil on 10 June. He was accompanied on the aircraft by an unarmed military escort and some 20 reporters.


R M Jackson
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