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FALKLAND ISLANDS : FCO SITREP : 0730 HOURS 12 JUNE 1982

ICRC Visit to Port Stanley

1. An ICRC Representative has visited Port Stanley and has proposed that a neutral zone under ICRC supervision be established in the Anglican Cathedral for the civil population. The ICRC are being informed of our agreement to this proposal.

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0700 HOURS, 12 JUNE 1982

Civil Population in Port Stanley

A: (SS Uganda
tel.111840Z)

1. A Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has visited Port Stanley to consider means of protection of the civil population. According to a signal from the SS Uganda, the ICRC have proposed the establishment of a neutral zone in Port Stanley Anglican Cathedral for the civil population under ICRC protection. The local Argentine Commander, General Menendez, has agreed to this, subject to the approval of the Argentine and the British Governments. The UK Mission in Geneva has been instructed to inform the ICRC of HMG's agreement to the proposal.

B: (FCO telno.
227 to UKMIS
Geneva)

United Nations

C: (UKMIS New
York telno.
988)


2. The Secretary-General has informed Sir A Parsons that he has sent a member of his staff to Buenos Aires to give the Cardinal accompanying the Pope a full briefing on the Secretary-General's latest proposals for a settlement. Although the emissary has been instructed not to make direct contact with the Junta he is sure to have some official contact. While this move is awkward, the emissary is aware that the latest proposals are unacceptable to HMG, and Sir A Parsons hopes that he will not be party to the preparation of ceasefire proposals endorsed by the Pope and the Secretary-General which are accepted by the Argentines but which HMG would have to reject. Meanwhile HM Ambassador to the Holy See reports that the Pope seems likely to avoid any political initiative in the context of his visit to Argentina.

D: Holy See tel.
No.37 to FCO)

Comment

3. The ICRC Representative who visited Port Stanley has also raised the possibility of an agreed evacuation of certain categories of civilians, notably the old, sick and very young. This will no doubt feature in the local discussions on modalities; we have no further information on these.

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