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FROM UKMIS GENEVA 181000Z JUN 82
TO FLASH FCO
TELNO 341 OF 18 JUNE

INFO FLASH MODUK, CINC FLEET, IMMEDIATE MONTEVIDEO, BERNE, BRASILIA
WASHINGTON, SANTIAGO, PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK

MY TEL 338 (NOT TO ALL): REPATRIATION OF POWS

1. AS EXPLAINED TO THE EMERGENCY UNIT, ICRC TELL US THAT THEY HAVE
RECEIVED TWO NOTES FROM THE ARGENTINE MISSION HERE THIS MORNING.
THE FIRST AGREES TO THE CANBERRA AND THE NORLAND DISEMBARKING
POWS IN MONTEVIDEO.

2. THE SECOND, RECEIVED ONE HOUR LATER, ACKNOWLEDGES A NOTE FROM THE
SWISS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, NOTES THAT OUR WISH TO RETURN POWS
QUICKLY IS BASED ON HUMANITARIAN CONCERN AND, BEARING IN MIND THE
GENEVA CONVENTIONS RELATING TO POWS, OFFERS AN ALTERNATIVE. BOTH
SHIPS MAY DISEMBARK POWS AT PUERTO MADRYN OR, IF WE PREFER, THE
NORLAND COULD DOCK AT PUERTO QUILLA.

3. THE NOTE CONTINUES BY SAYING THAT DISEMBARKATION AT COMODORO RIVADAVIA WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AS THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FACILITIES THERE. THE ARGENTINES OFFER THE USE OF TWO OF THEIR HOSPITAL SHIPS. BAHIA PARAISO AND ARANTE IRIZAR PLUS THE CABO SAN ANTONIO (AUXILIARY SHIP) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE IF WE WISH.

4. THE NOTE LAYS DOWN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A) SHIPS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT CARRY ARMS
- B) THEY SHOULD NOT BE ESCORTED BY WARSHIPS
- C) HOSPITAL SHIPS SHOULD CARRY NORMAL HOSPITAL EMBLEMS
- D) OTHER SHIPS SHOULD BE MARKED PG OR PW
- E) DURING THE NIGHT SHIPS SHOULD SAIL WITH LIGHTS ON
- F) SHIPS WILL BE GRANTED FULL SECURITY BETWEEN PORTS OF DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL.
- G) TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION FULL DETAILS OF ROUTES AND AND ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATES AND TIMES SHOULD BE PROVIDED
- H) SHIPS WILL BE GUARANTEED USE OF ALL HARBOUR FACILITIES FOR EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING POWS.

5. THE NOTE ENDS BY CONFIRMING THAT ARGENTINA WILL REQUEST FULL ICRC PARTICIPATION IN THE EXERCISE. IT SEEKS AN EARLY UK REPLY TO THE PROPOSAL.

.. MARSHALL

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