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FM LIMA 011700Z OCTOBER 1982  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 341 OF 2 OCTOBER

SALUTE TO THE TASK FORCE

MAYOR OF LIMA HAS TOLD ME THAT TOGETHER WITH 20 MAYORS FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT SPAIN FROM 7 TO 13 OCTOBER. HE HAS HEARD THAT THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO REGISTER IN SOME WAY A COLLECTIVE PROTEST AT THE CHOICE OF DATE FOR THE VICTORY PARADE IN LONDON. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT EMERGE EITHER DURING OR AS A RESULT OF A DINNER WHICH HE BELIEVES THE KING OF SPAIN IS OFFERING TO THE VISITING MAYORS ON 12 OCTOBER. HE EMPHASISED THAT WE WERE PERFECTLY JUSTIFIED IN HAVING A PARADE TO CELEBRATE THE FALKLANDS VICTORY BUT DESCRIBED THE CHOICE OF DATE AS QUOTE QUITE PROVOCATIVE UNQUOTE.

2. I GAVE HIM SOME OF THE BACKGROUND, TOLD HIM THE DATE COULD NOT (NOT) BE CHANGED AND ASKED HIM TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO PLAY THINGS DOWN.

3. FCO PLEASE REPEAT AS NECESSARY.

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