

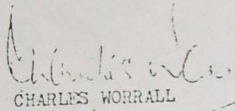
PR GUIDANCE - HERCULES BEING CONVERTED FOR
AIR-TO-AIR TANKER ROLE

A brief mention on the back page of the Sunday Telegraph 9th May reports that some Hercules are being modified in order to refuel other transport and combat aircraft in the air.

PR GUIDANCE

DSB at 1010 hours said the following PR Line may be used in response to questions:

"A feasibility study is at present being carried out on the question of Hercules aircraft being converted for the tanker role. It is one of a number of continuous feasibility studies being carried out by the Royal Air Force in general."


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The PR Line was agreed by Andrew Aitken, DCS

SAT. 8 MAY.

RED CROSS TEAM TO ASCENSION FOR RETURN OF ARGENTINE PRISONERS.....

Red Cross team to Ascension to check the return of 150 military and 39 civvies
Argentinian prisoners taken at South Georgia. We can confirm that a three
man team including a medical doctor is on its way by civilian aircraft to the
island. No other information is available at this time. the inquirer can
always make enquires at the International Committee for the Red Cross at Geneva

Guidance as agreed with DS8 and DS11 at 2245 hrs Sat 9 May

David C andy DS8/Keith Ansell DPO