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FROM SANTIAGO 261500Z MAY 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 261 OF 26 MAY
AND TO IMMEDIATE MOD (FOR DS(DMS1))

CHILE/ARGENTINA/FALKLANDS : BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

1. LATEST CANARD FROM DAILY STAR OF 24 MAY (BRITISH HELICOPTERS BEING FLOWN INTO CHILE FROM ASCENSION IN PARTS AND REASSEMBLED ON CHILEAN AIRBASE) HAS AGAIN UPSET THE CHILEANS. MFA TELL ME THAT THEY ARE QUOTE CONCERNED AT THE NATURE AND FREQUENCY OF SUCH REPORTS UNQUOTE. THEY APPRECIATE THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO TO STOP SUCH PRESS SPECULATION, BUT THEY WANT US OFFICIALLY TO KNOW THAT THIS KIND OF THING IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS TO CHILE'S NEUTRAL STANCE.

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