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FM GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR TGM NO PERSONAL 78 OF 2 JUL 83
TO FLASH FCO LONDON
AND INFO FLASH MODUK

YOUR TELS NOS PERSONAL 48 AND 49: GIBRALTAR DOCKYARD.

1. I TOOK ACTION WITH HASSAN THIS MORNING.

2. HE WAS VISIBLY TOUCHED BY AND EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE PERSONAL MESSAGE YOUR FIRST TUR. A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1030 AM LOCAL TOMORROW AT WHICH HASSAN WILL INFORM HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE AND THE SUGGESTED VISIT BY MR STEWART. HE PERSONALLY WELCOMES THE PROSPECT OF SUCH A VISIT AND SHARES MY VIEW THAT THE IMPETUS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY IT TAKING PLACE AT EARLIEST MOMENT. THE HOUSE WILL BE SITTING FOR MORMAL BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND PREHAPS FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK AND I THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MR STEWART SHOULD, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY HASSAN AFTER TOMORROWS MEETING WITH MINISTERS, FLY TO GIBRALTAR ON MONDAY 4 TH JULY WITH A VIEW TO HOLDING MEETINGS THE FOLLOWING DAY. I ASSUME THAT MR STEWART WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE ISOLA AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WITHOUT HASSAN'S APPROVAL REVEAL THE PRIME MINISTER'S PACKAGE WHICH IS A MATTER FOR GOVERNMENT.

3. HASSAN'S ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT OUR MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S COURTEOUS AND FULLY ARGUED MESSAGE HAD HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT ON HIM. I THEREFORE HAVE HOPES THAT IF HIS MINISTERS SHOW AN INCLINATION TO REJECT THE PACKAGE HE WILL REFUSE TO ALLOW THEM TO DO SO AT LEAST UNTIL MR STEWART HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEM FURTHER.

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