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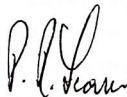
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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. At Mr Luce's meeting with the Secretary of State today it was agreed that we should now urgently seek Councillors' views on the terms of a draft message which Mr Luce wishes to send to Sr Ros. I submit two draft telegrams to Port Stanley.

2. I understand that it is agreed that the Secretary of State will wish to consult his colleagues in OD when the Argentines have replied to such a message (assuming that Island Councillors have also endorsed it).



P R Fearn
South America Dept

5 March 1982

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11	INFO SAVING UKMIS NEW YORK
12	MY TELNO 27: CONSIDERATION OF ARGENTINE PROPOSAL
13	1. We have been considering how we should next proceed in
14	order to play our hand to best tactical advantage. We want to
15	see negotiations continue, if only to avoid the consequences of
16	a breakdown. But it will clearly not be possible to agree to
17	negotiations against the present background of threatening
18	noises from Argentina. If negotiations are to continue and if
19	we are to have any prospect of carrying with us public opinion
20	both here and in the Islands, we shall need to establish
21	acceptable ground rules and to make these public.
22	2. Mr Luce therefore proposes to send a further message to
23	Sr Ros on the lines of the draft in MIFT. Before he does so,
24	Mr Luce wishes to have Councillors' views and their confirmation
25	that, in the event of the Argentines providing a satisfactory

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2 reply, negotiations should proceed withⁱⁿ the general framework
3 discussed in New York. We appreciate that Councillors may now
4 have dispersed but we should be grateful for their reaction as
5 soon as possible.
6 3. For your own information, we have to recognise that there
7 can be little chance that the Argentines would accept our
8 statement with^{out} qualifications. We are reconciled to the
9 probability that talks would then effectively be at an end. But
10 we are concerned to be able to demonstrate to international
11 opinion that it was not HMG and the Islanders who refused to
12 continue the talks: rather it was the Argentine Government
13 which would not accept what to the objective observer must seem
14 a reasonable basis for discussions.
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12	MIPT: DRAFT MESSAGE FROM MR LUCE
13	1. Following is the proposed draft message from Mr Luce to
14	Sr Ros. Begins.
15	You know how pleased we were at the progress which the Argentine
16	and British delegations (with the assistance of Falkland Islands
17	Councillors) made in New York on 26 and 27 February towards
18	setting up new procedures for carrying forward and giving fresh
19	impetus to negotiations about the future of the Islands. This
20	reflected our determination to achieve a peaceful solution to
21	this difficult issue, which would be acceptable to your
22	Government, to the British Government and to the people of the
23	Falkland Islands. You also know of my subsequent disappointment
24	at the statements which have been made, and the press reports
25	which have been appearing, in Buenos Aires since the conclusion

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2 of those talks.
3 I therefore think it would be helpful if we are to be able to
4 proceed further along the lines which you and I have discussed
5 that you should confirm two essential points without
6 agreement on which negotiations could not proceed. Firstly, it
7 must be clearly understood that the work of the proposed
8 Negotiating Commission will encompass all aspects of and
9 possible approaches to a solution of the dispute, without
10 prejudice to either side's position on sovereignty. These talks
11 must be genuine negotiations and cannot be based on any
12 pre-determined assumptions on what the outcome might be.
13 Secondly, these negotiations cannot be pursued against a
14 background of threats of retaliatory action if they break down.
15 We would welcome your assurance in this connection that the
16 comment and speculation which has been appearing in the
17 Argentine press in recent weeks does not represent any intention
18 by the Argentine Government to persuade us to negotiate under
19 duress.
20 I am sure you will recognise that in asking you to confirm
21 these points I am making a genuine effort to make progress in
22 the spirit of our meeting in New York. So that there may be no
23 misunderstandings, I would intend, once you have replied, to
24 publish this message and, with your permission, your reply.
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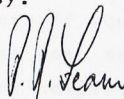
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Mr Ure

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO MR HAIG

- A 1. The Secretary of State wishes to send a short message to Mr Haig to reinforce at the highest level what Mr Luce said to Mr Enders on 1 March. I submit a draft telegram to Washington. Private Office have asked for this to be in the Secretary of State's box tonight.
- B 2. Since Mr Luce's meeting with Mr Enders, we have asked our Embassy in Washington to reinforce to Mr Enders our concern at developments since the New York talks. Although this in fact arrived after Mr Enders's departure, our
- C Embassy in Buenos Aires have been asked to pass the message to Mr Enders through the US Embassy.



P R Fearn
South America Dept

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 12 MY TELNO 415: FALKLAND ISLANDS
 13 1. I am anxious to do all we can to keep the Americans with
 14 us on this issue. Grateful therefore if you would pass the
 15 following message from me to Haig as soon as possible. Begins.
 16 Richard Luce has told me of the very helpful meeting he had with
 17 Tom Enders in Washington on 1 March on a wide range of subjects.
 18 On the Falkland Islands, I should like to take the opportunity
 19 to reinforce with you what Richard said. We remain committed to
 20 finding a solution to the sovereignty dispute by peaceful
 21 negotiation and have held several rounds of talks with the
 22 Argentines to that end. But we are increasingly concerned about
 23 the approach of the Argentine Government to this subject, in
 24 particular about the threat which repeatedly recurs in the
 25 Argentine press (apparently with some measure of Government

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2	support) to use force if the dialogue does not soon reach a
3	successful conclusion on Argentine terms.
4	I should like you to be aware that it is politically impossible
5	for us to negotiate against such a background. At the same time
6	it is in everyone's interest that this issue should not be
7	allowed to develop into a dangerous and unnecessary source of
8	tension in the region. Ends.
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