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FURTHER REPORT OF MONITORING OF FALKLAND ISLAND RADIO BY BAS SHIP
BRANSFIELD

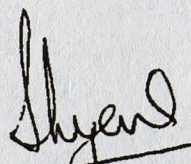
1. At 1600 Dr Laws phoned to report the result of his second conversation with the BRANSFIELD which is steaming south past Tierra Del Fuego. Dr Laws had spoken to the master of the BRANSFIELD via Portishead Radio starting at 1505. The line was bad but he reported the Master as giving the following:

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"The Argentinian military have taken over the Island and a ruling Junta installed. The Junta were transmitting on FI radio frequency as KRA radio MALVINAS. A total of 4 communique had been issued for MALVINAS, GEORGIO DEL SUD, and SANDWICH DEL SUD. HEGFI had been unable to transmit having been taken by surprise but had been able to destroy Confidential papers and cyphers. The radio had been taken over peacefully, HEGFI last broadcast had stated that the Admiral had not taken over but that a Military Governor was to arrive one hour later. A truce had been signed at 0955 Falkland time. There were 500 Argentinian troops on the Island and there was no point in further resistance. No confirmed FI casualties, 3 Argentinians injured, one seriously, who was being treated in hospital. HEGFI advised the population to treat life as normal and to obey instructions of the Military Government.

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There then followed music and interviews with local people. At 1020, the first Argentinian broadcast by the Military Governor was made in which he stated, he had taken over from the British Governor, all Government personnel and all military personnel would be sent from the Falkland Islands to the UK today. At 1040 there was a second communique followed shortly by a third with a fourth at 1045. The third communique recommended the population to remain at home and to obey the military. All facilities would be closed. The fourth communique listed the following guarantees to the Falkland Islanders as:

Continuity of Way of Life
Freedom of Worship
Freedom to enter, remain in or leave the FI
Normal supplies would be maintained
Health and schooling would be provided."

2. Dr Laws then stated that Cable and Wireless had reopened and he was conducting test transmissions. He said the Military Governor was a General George Garcia ORVALDO. He stated the BRANSFIELD is continuing to monitor the broadcasts and he will be talking to the ship again at 1700 our time. He further stated the BRANSFIELD was not in contact with HMS ENDURANCE. All the above had been passed to the FCO before passing to MOD.



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