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Tonach ~~Washington~~ by Tom Condon
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Mr Giffard

Tels. approved by the Secretary of State + despatched.

FALKLANDS: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SECRETARY HAIG.

Problem

- 1. How to reply to Washington tel no 1132 recommending a message from the Secretary of State to Secretary Haig.
- 2. What to instruct Sir N Henderson to say when he calls on Secretary Haig at 2015 BST today. (He will be telephoning us on the secure line before this meeting to seek guidance).

Recommendation

- 3. That we should send the 2 draft telegrams attached so as to reach Washington before Sir N Henderson sees Secretary Haig.
- 4. That I telephone Sir N Henderson's Private Secretary to tell him that the telegrams are on the way, provided that they are agreed, and suggest that if he still wishes to telephone for guidance he should speak to you.

Background and Argument

- 5. Washington tels nos 111, 1123 and 1132.
- 6. It is clearly desirable that the Secretary of State send a message to Haig as soon as possible after taking office irrespective of the issue of the Falkland Islands. In present circumstances however, the message would, as Sir N Henderson recognises, need to be about the Falkland crisis. I suggest that a message should be sent and that it should stress the Government's determination to secure Argentine withdrawal, and the importance of the US in helping to bring this about. The message is drafted on these lines. It follows closely the outline in Washington tel no 1132.
- 7. Secretary Haig may ask about possible mediation by the US. At his meeting yesterday, Mr Hurd said that it was too early for us to attempt to inspire, however indirectly, any proposals from the US. The instructions to Sir N Henderson are drafted accordingly.

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- cc: PS/PUS
Sir A Acland
Mr Ure
Mr Wright
Mr Mallaby
NAD,
Mr Fearn - Emergency Unit

Must now see also Wtor tel No 1135.
1. I have added a reference to the draft.
2. On Mr Jay's para 4 above, you may consider that someone who attended the PM's meeting should speak, if necessary to do N.

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TEL NO 653 OF 6 APRIL 1982

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10 - YOUR TEL NO 1132 (NOT TO ALL) FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. I ACCEPT YOUR ADVICE ON A MESSAGE. PLEASE PASS TEXT IN MIFT TO HAIG WHEN YOU SEE HIM THIS AFTERNOON. see 16

2. WE MAY NEED HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH THE AMERICANS OVER THE FALKLAND CRISIS AT SOME STAGE IN THE FUTURE. BUT IT IS TOO EARLY FOR US TO INITIATE DISCUSSION ON THIS NOW. THE NEED FOR THE MOMENT IS TO PUT THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES.

3. IN HANDING OVER THE TEXT IN MIFT GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A) MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES,
- B) H.M.G. IS QUITE DETERMINED TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES AND THE RETURN OF THE ISLANDS TO BRITISH ADMINISTRATION BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY. PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY OPINION ALLOW NO OTHER OBJECTIVE.
- C) IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AT THIS STAGE TO PUT EVERY PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES.
- D) US WORDS AND DEEDS WILL BE CRITICAL IN THIS.
- E) IT WILL BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO AVOID UNHELPFUL REPORTS SUCH AS THOSE ABOUT US NAVAL OPINION MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF YOUR TEL NO 1123.

4. IF ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE YOU SHOULD SPEAK AS YOU DID TO STOESEL (YOUR TEL NO 1117, PARAGRAPH 1) STRESSING THAT ANY SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO ENTAIL WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE HOPE THE US WOULD CONSULT US BEFORE ANY PUBLIC AIRING OF IDEAS. WE ALSO AGREE WITH THE LINE IN PARAS 5 AND 6 OF YOUR TEL NO 1135. N/T
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11 MIPT: FOLLOWING IS TEXT.

DEAR AL,

I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN. IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD WORK HAND IN HAND, AND I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT YOU WILL AGREE. MY FIRST TASK AS FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY WILL BE TO RESOLVE THE VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION CAUSED BY ARGENTINE AGGRESSION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. I, AND MY NEW COLLEAGUES IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WILL BE SPENDING ALL OUR EFFORTS TO THIS END OVER THE NEXT 2-3 WEEKS. IN DOING SO WE SHALL CONTINUE ON THE LINES WHICH PETER CARRINGTON WAS FOLLOWING. YOU WILL OF COURSE KNOW THAT THERE NEITHER HAVE BEEN NOR ARE ANY DIVISIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE. WE ARE QUITE DETERMINED TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION TO THE ISLANDS BY WHATEVER MEANS ARE NECESSARY. THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE CRITICAL ON THIS AS ON SO MANY ISSUES THAT CONCERNS US DEEPLY. BOTH WHAT THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION SAYS AND WHAT IT DOES WILL HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND ON OTHERS. WE ARE OF COURSE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU AND PRESIDENT REAGAN HAVE ALREADY GIVEN US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO KNOW THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON US SUPPORT.

IRRESPECTIVE OF THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY (WHICH IN OUR VIEW IS NOT IN DOUBT) THE IMMEDIATE NEED IS TO REVERSE THE ILLEGAL AGGRESSION THAT LED TO THE CAPTURE OF TERRITORY AGAINST THE CLEARLY STATED AND UNANIMOUS WISHES OF THE POPULATION. I HOPE THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO CONDEMN THIS AGGRESSION, AND TO BRING WHATEVER PRESSURE IT CAN TO BEAR UPON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES.

WE HAVE SOUGHT AND SHALL CONTINUE TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM A WIDE RANGE OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US ON THIS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING PRESIDENT REAGAN A MESSAGE ON ECONOMIC MEASURES WHICH WE HOPE THE US AND SOME OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE AGAINST ARGENTINA, AND I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE THIS VERY CLOSE AND URGENT ATTENTION.

YOURS EVER, FRANCIS,

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