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FROM PORT STANLEY 261909Z MAR 1982

TO PRIORITY FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 57 OF 26 MARCH

AND PRIORITY INFO BUENOS AIRES

YOUR TELNO 69 TO BUENOS AIRES: INCIDENTS AT LADE OFFICE.

1. I TOLD VICE-COMODORO GAMEN OF THE ACTION TAKEN IN BUENOS AIRES AND HE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE. HE ALSO THANKED ME FOR THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE POLICE HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE TWO INCIDENTS AND APPREHEND THE CULPRITS. CHIEF POLICE OFFICER IS KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF PROGRESS. NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AS YET AND CPO IS NOT HOPEFUL AS CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IS INCONCLUSIVE AND ISLANDERS ARE UNLIKELY TO INFORM ON EACH OTHER IN CASES LIKE THESE.

2. LADE OFFICE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE POLICE STATION AND DUTY CONSTABLE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT MORE FREQUENT CHECKS THAN USUAL. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS POLICE GUARD AND I THINK IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE TO CALL IN THE MARINES.

3. I HAVE, HOWEVER, AGREED WITH THE VICE-COMODORO THAT MARINES WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE AIRPORT WHEN THE WEEKLY LADE AIRCRAFT OVERNIGHTS TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS IS MORE TO REASSURE HIS SUPERIORS IN BUENOS AIRES THAN TO MEET A REAL RISK HERE. MARINES WERE ON DUTY FOR THE FLIGHT 23/24 MARCH AND REPORTED NO INCIDENT.

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