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TELEGRAM NUMBER 174 OF 04 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK SIFCEN, PRIORITY BOGOTA, LIMA, MEXICO CITY,
QUITO

YOUR TELNO 60 TO BOGATA. FALKLAND ISLANDS: CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. I THINK IT IS PROBABLE BUT NOT CERTAIN THAT CANADIAN AUTHORITIES
WOULD AGREE TO STAGING THROUGH GOOSE BAY AND GANDER AND OVER
FLIGHTS, CERTAINLY SO LONG AS WE HAVE THE UNITED NATIONS BEHIND
US AS AT PRESENT WE DO FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION. MINISTERS AND SENIOR POLITICAL FIGURES I TALKED TO

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LAST NIGHT ALL TOOK A ROBUST LINE. THE CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL
WITHERS, TOLD ME HE HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BLOCKADE THE
ISLANDS SO AS TO MAKE THE POSITION OF THE INVADING ARGENTINES
IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE CASUALTIES. I THINK THIS PROBABLY
REPRESENTS THE GENERAL VIEW OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES. AN
ELEMENT OF DOUBT IS THE ATTITUDE OF MR TRUDEAU PERSONALLY. HE
IS VERY MUCH OF A DOVE AND THE LAST WEEK

CERTAINLY BE DOUBTFUL BUT CAN I HOPE BE PERSUADED.

2. IT MAY BE EASIER TO SECURE AGREEMENT NOW THAN LATER. CANADIANS TEND TO BE PEACABLY MINDED PEOPLE AND IF WE TAKE TOO LONG TO ACT PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR A NON - VIOLENT SOLUTION- BY WHICH THEY WOULD REALLY MEAN A SELL OUT - MAY INCREASE. IF WE ARE GOING TO ASK THE CANADIANS FOR STAGING RIGHTS, THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND

THAT WE DO IT QUICKLY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I AND THE BDLS COULD ALSO BE AUTHORISED TO GIVE THEM AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT OUR PLANS BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM. FROM THE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW THE MORE WE TAKE THEM INTO OUR CONFIDENCE THE BETTER.

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