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TO FLASH BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 103 OF 4 APRIL

YOUR TELNOS 151 AND 154; FALKLANDS; BRITISH COMMUNITY

1. BBC WILL BE BROADCASTING A SHORT STATEMENT PERIODICALLY ON ITS SERVICE TO ARGENTINA BETWEEN 2000Z AND 0330Z FROM 5 APRIL. WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO THIS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND YOU SHOULD ADVISE US BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR LONGER.

2. BROADCAST STATEMENT WILL BE AS IN YOUR TELNO 154 BUT EXCLUDING WORDS !IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER HOSTILITIES!.

3. YOU WILL PRESUMABLY WISH, AND HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY DONE SO, TO CALL IN YOUR WARDENS AND GIVE THEM THE SAME ADVICE. OBVIOUSLY THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERN WILL HAVE BEEN SHARPLY FOCUSED ON THE NEWS OF THE DESPATCH OF THE TASK FORCE AND ON THE RISK TO THEM FROM FURTHER FALKLANDS HOSTILITIES. WE DO NOT HOWEVER WANT TO PLAY UP THIS PUBLICLY WHILE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES CONTINUE TO OBTAIN AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL.

4. HOWEVER, GIVEN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF EXPATRIATES WHO MIGHT WANT TO LEAVE, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE CLEAR ADVANTAGE IN ADVISING THEM TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THROUGH NORMAL COMMERCIAL MEANS. THE DOT WILL BE CALLING IN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAIN BRITISH COMPANIES CONCERNED IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THIS ADVICE.

5. WE APPRECIATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO STAY UNTIL 7 APRIL. BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE BCAL ARE NOT TAKING THEIR FLIGHTS THROUGH TO BUENOS AIRES AND THERE WILL THEREFORE BE A NEED TO USE OTHER AIRLINES.

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