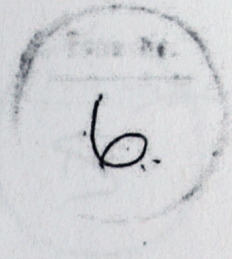


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SUMMARY OF ATTITUDES

1. I have extracted the following brief comments from today's raft of diplomatic signals which you have not seen:

Canada - resigned to the use of force

Mexico - Supports Argentine judicial claim but not invasion, nor use of force by us. Calls for meeting of OAS.

Jamaica - mildly positive support for UK position

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Germany - Press support for British position, referring to Berlin situation. Worry over British reaction.

Columbia - neutral

Brazil - neutral but slightly more positive than one might expect.

Japan - Press reports Prime Minister saying Japan would support UK if she did not use force. Cabinet Secretary comments "God help the British".

Non Aligned Movement - Meeting in Kuwait 5-8 April. We are pressing the line that members of the movement will confirm their support for the UN and condemn Argentinian aggression which can only encourage military powerful countries to impose their will on small countries.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNALS : NO 2

1. The attached signals survey attitudes to the Falkland Islands invasion, summarised as follows:

Switzerland - Swiss feel they are in a delicate position, because they are the protecting power for the Falklands ^{1/2/85} they cannot give us open support.

Saudi Arabia - MFA says relations with UK ^{and} very good, with Argentina "normal". Terms of trade with Argentina in Saudi Arabia favour through exports of oil.

Oman - Few contacts with Argentina. They will discuss the question of a public statement of the Omani position.

Sierre Leone - They will help with overflights, fuel and sympathy.

India - Unlikely to withdraw ambassador, they think we have dragged our feet on "decolonisation". Press comment that Junta cannot be allowed to get away with blatant violation of the law. At the same time the colonial character of the Falklands will have to go.

USSR - Britain should have decolonised this territory as called for by the United Nations General Assembly.

Brazil - Very interesting press comment which you might like to read at FLAG Q.

Canada.- Breaking off diplomatic relations, possibility of further measures.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNALS : NO 3

1. Washington - the following points crop up in the attached signals:

Public Opinion - bewilderment and mystification over the importance with which the Falklands are regarded in Britain which justifies our despatch of a naval force and the resignation of Lord Carrington. Worry over a military engagement. Press reports doubting our capacity to mount a successful naval operation (incidentally, also expressed by US sources in UK).

Visit to Jamaica and Bahamas - President and Haig will be visiting Jamaica and the Bahamas on 7 Apr. We are briefing their Prime Ministers to support UK position.

General Comment - President hopes that we will not have to use force.

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