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FCO FOR DEF DEPT PD

FALKLAND ISLANDS PD REF ALFA PD OUR U2A/Z8G OF 051624Z APR PD
 ONE PD MA AS A/DA WAS INVITED TO M. HERNU'S OFFICE AT 071530 HRS
 IN ORDER TO POSE MIRAGE 3 AND 5 AND OTHER MILITARY QUESTIONS PD
 RECEIVED PERSONALLY BY M. HERNU WHO SAID WE WILL DO EVERYTHING
 WE CAN TO HELP YOU IN THE WAY OF INFORMATION AS WE ARE SIDE BY
 SIDE WITH YOU PD TWO PD MA WAS THEN TAKEN BY TWO SENIOR CIVIL
 SERVANTS TO ANOTHER OFFICE AND INVITED TO POSE QUESTIONS PD
QUESTIONS ASKED WERE CLN

ALFA PD WOULD FRENCH PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE LIST OF MILITARY
 SALES TO THE ARGENTINE AND SPECIFY ANY IMPOSED
 MODIFICATIONS/LIMITATIONS TO SYSTEMS PD

BRAVO PD HOW MANY ARGENTINIAN SUPER ETENDARDS ARE MODIFIED TO
 CARRY AM39 CMM HOW MANY MISSILES DO THEY HOLD AND WHAT
 IS THE OPERATIONAL STATE OF THEM PD

CHARLIE PD DO ARGENTINIANS HAVE CROTALE AND/OR ROLAND AND IF SO
 HOW MANY SYSTEMS AND MISSILES PD

DELTA PD MIRAGE 3 AND 5 PD RADIUS OF ACTION CMM WPN FIT CMM
 NAV ATTACK SYSTEM CMM LIKELY SERVICEABILITY RATES CMM
 SPARES CONSUMPTION AND KNOWN SHORTAGES CMM PROFICIENCY
 OF ARGENTINIAN PILOTS IF TRAINED BY FRENCH PD

THREE PD AT END OF INTERVIEW AGAIN EMPHASISED THAT THE FRENCH
GOVT IS VERY MUCH WITH LES ANGLAIS AND ANSWERS PROMISED AT
081900 HRS PD MA STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WOULD
BE TREATED WITH UTMOST DISCRETION AND SOURCE WOULD NOT BE REVEALED

FOUR PD AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS THAT A PERSONAL LETTER FROM
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE TO M. HERNU THANKING HIM FOR ALL
THE HELP WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT

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Action Per J811*

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