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FROM UKMIS GENEVA 081542Z APR 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 164 OF 8 APRIL
INFO MODUK SITCEN
INFO SAVING UKMIS NEW YORK, BERNE

MY TELNO 163: FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ICRC

1. HOCKE AND JOSSERON OF ICRC CONFIRMED THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE ICRC HAD NOW APPROACHED THE ARGENTINIAN AUTHORITIES IN BUENOS AIRES, AND AWAITED THEIR RESPONSE.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 2 OF TUR, THE ICRC HAD NOTED THE REFERENCES IN YESTERDAY'S DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THE FACT THAT WAR HAD NOT (NOT) BEEN DECLARED, AND THAT WE STILL HOPED TO SEE THE PROBLEM SOLVED PEACEFULLY. THEY THEREFORE WISHED TO KEEP THE BASIS OF THEIR ACTION OFF NARROW LEGAL LINES AND TO GROUND IT INSTEAD ON THEIR GENERAL CONCERN FOR HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS. IF FIGHTING BROKE OUT, THEY COULD QUICKLY MOVE ONTO THE USUAL LEGAL BASIS.

3. MEANWHILE, THEIR POINT OF DEPARTURE WOULD BE AT LEAST AT FIRST TO CONCENTRATE ON LIMITED AND CONCRETE PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE MISSING 7 SERVICEMEN FROM THE FALKLANDS AND THE 13 SURVEY PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH GEORGIA, AND BUILD ON THESE AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPED. THEY HAD HEARD FROM THE BRITISH RED CROSS THAT THE BRC HAD RE-ESTABLISHED THEIR DIRECT LINK WITH THEIR BRANCH IN THE FALKLANDS AND HAD ASCERTAINED THAT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WERE NOT (NOT) IN DIFFICULTY. BUT THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD DEVELOP A PRESENCE IN THE FALKLANDS. THEY HAD THEREFORE ASKED THE ARGENTINIANS TO ARRANGE FOR UP TO THREE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES TO GO THERE.

4. HOCKE AND PASQUIER WILL LEAVE FOR EL SALVADOR ON MONDAY ON OTHER PRESSING BUSINESS, BUT WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM DURING THE WEEKEND, AND WITH THEIR SUBSTITUTES THEREAFTER.

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