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SUBJECT: SECDEF'S BILATERAL WITH NOTT: THE FALKLANDS
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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SENIOR MOD OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE MOD IS STILL SORTING OUT WHAT ADDITIONAL MILITARY SUPPORT BRITISH HOPE
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TO OBTAIN FROM THE U.S. NOTT WILL NOT, THEY SAID, COME TO BRUSSELS WITH AN EXTENDED SHOPPING LIST. NOR WILL HE LIKELY MAKE SPECIFIC REQUESTS. HE DOES HOPE, HOWEVER, TO ESTABLISH THE FRAMEWORK FOR THREE BROAD AREAS OF COOPERATION: INTELLIGENCE, LOGISTICS, AND EQUIPMENT.

3. INTELLIGENCE. NOTT WILL OUTLINE THE TYPES OF INTELLIGENCE HMG NEEDS. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IS A PROBLEM FOR THE BRITISH (SEE SEPTTEL). OUR CONTACTS DOUBTED THAT HMG WOULD AT THIS STAGE ASK US TO MOUNT

INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS, BUT NOTT WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINING THIS SORELY NEEDED INFORMATION. THE DETAILS OF THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE LEFT TO VICE ADMIRAL HALLIDAY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOD INTELLIGENCE, WHO IS IN CONTACT WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPARTS(S).

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4. LOGISTICS. THE SENIOR OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT FUEL REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY AREA. NOTT MAY ALSO ASK ABOUT EVENTUAL U.S. WILLINGNESS TO FLY ARGENTINE WOUNDED AND ANY PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH FROM ASCENSION TO "NEUTRAL" SITES.

5. EQUIPMENT. THE BRITISH HAVE MADE NO FINAL DECISIONS ON EQUIPMENT NEEDS. THE SENIOR OFFICIALS THOUGHT ANY BRITISH REQUESTS WOULD NOT BE LARGE. THEY MAY NEED ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND "MINOR GEAR" AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT ITEMS ON A PRIORITY BASIS. WE UNDERSTAND THE SERVICES ARE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO COORDINATE THEIR REQUIREMENTS. ADMIRAL LEWIN, CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF, MAY BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN HIS BRUSSELS MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN JONES, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE THIS

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EVENING (MAY 4).

6. BRITISH PARTICIPANTS IN BILATERAL MEETING. NOTT'S OFFICE HAS AGAIN UNDERLINED HIS HOPE OF KEEPING THE MAY 6 BILATERAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS SMALL. NOTT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY DAVID OMAND. OTHER POSSIBLE BRITISH PARTICIPANTS ARE AMBASSADOR GRAHAM, ADMIRAL LEWIN, AND/OR RICHARD HASTIE-SMITH, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR POLICY. STREATOR UNQUOTE HAIG

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