

ENCL No.  
5

CONFIDENTIAL

CXMO20 12/0243 102A0239

FOR CXM

IMMEDIATE/IMMEDIATE 120226Z APR 8

FROM MODUK  
TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON  
INFO FCO LONDON  
HQSTC

SECRET  
SIC EWA/I9F

FCO LONDON FOR EMERGENCY ROOM

SUBJECT AVIATION FUEL ASCENSION ISLAND

ONE. REF YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 1232 OF 11 APRIL AND MODUK AIR SIGNAL EWA 111330Z. HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FCO WHO AGREE MODUK SHOULD DEAL WITH YOU DMRECT ON THIS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE THUS FAR UNFORTUNATELY WE SEEM TO BE GETTING NO FURTHER AND NOW VERY CONCERNED TO READ THAT FRESH SUPPLIES MIGHT NOT REACH ASCENSION UNTIL 25 APRIL AT EARLIEST. WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT OUR FUEL SPECIALIST ON ASCENSION INFORMS US THAT TOTAL TANKAGE AVAILABLE AT ASCENSION IS 9000 CUBIC METERS AND THAT FOLLOWING LAST TANKER DELIVERY ON 9/10 APRIL THERE SHOULD BE NO SHORTAGE OF FUEL TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

TWO. FUEL AVAILABLE (11 APRIL) TO UK FORCES ESTIMATED AT 3500 CUBIC METERS (OUT OF 9000 MENTIONED ABOVE). THIS QTY INSUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. REQUEST YOU APPROACH STATE DEPARTMENT/JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (J4) TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO RELEASE A FURTHER 3500 CUBIC METERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM US RESERVES AT ASCENSION AND TO MAKE FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR RE-SUPPLY PRIOR TO 25 APRIL. AS BACKGROUND YOU SHOULD BE AWARE WE ASSESS POSSIBLE CONSUMPTION BETWEEN 2500-3000 CUBIC METERS A WEEK. GRATEFUL FOR REPLY TO MODUK INFO FCO LONDON WITHIN 24 HOURS.

BT

DIST. DSS DW PLANS NCS ROE

DISTRIBUTION EWA

C  
CYU 1 DS-8 ACTION (CYR 1 Res Clerk)

DISTRIBUTION I9F

C  
CXK 1 DSC(ROW) ACTION (CXK 1 DSC)  
CYH 1 ACDS(S)  
CWP 1 ACNS(O)  
CXQ 1 ASD 2  
CWJ 1 AUS(D Staff)  
CAF 4 CGRM

CONFIDENTIAL