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FM FCO 131830Z APRIL 1982
 TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 703 OF 13 APRIL

PERSONAL FOR MINISTER FROM GILLMORE

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 1242: UK REQUEST FOR STINGER

1. I REGRET THAT YOUR TUR WAS THE FIRST THAT WE IN THE FCO
 HAD HEARD OF THIS REQUEST. WE HAVE NOW DISCUSSED THIS WITH
 THE MOD WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR
 THIS EQUIPMENT. THE HICCOUGH REFERRED TO IN YOUR TUR APPEARS
 TO HAVE SEMMED FROM THE FACT THAT THE BDS GOT AHEAD OF
 FINAL CONSIDERATION HERE BY C IN C FLEET ABOUT THE NEED FOR
 THIS EQUIPMENT.

2. THIS PROBLEM NOW HAVING BEEN CLEARED UP, WE HAVE AGREED
 THAT BDS WASHINGTON SHOULD PURSUE IT URGENTLY WITH THE AMERICANS.
 MOD WILL BE INSTRUCTING BDS IN THIS SENSE THIS EVENING.
 GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE DEFENCE STAFF
 TO GIVE THEM WHAT SUPPORT YOU JUDGE NECESSARY IN ACHIEVING US
 AGREEMENT.

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