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## OPERATION CORPORATE : STINGER

l. I attach two telegrams from HMA Washington, which make clear that we shall prejudice any further supply of US equipment for Operation Corporate if it becomes publicly known that the US government has agreed to the supply of Stinger. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could take steps to ensure that this message is well understood by those down the line who have been and will be dealing with the procurement and transport of this weapons system. It goes without saying that there are also wider political reasons for making sure that we do not embarrass the US government on this issue.

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TELEGRAM NO 1345 OF 19 APRIL

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PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO RELEASE THE EQUIPMENT WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING.
BURT ADDED THAT, IF HAIG'S NEGOTIATING EFFORTS FAILED, THERE WOULD
NO DOUBT BE FURTHER REQUESTS. US OFFICIALS WOULD WANT TO HELP US
OVER THESE BUT WOULD BE TOTALLY UNABLE TO DO SO IF ANY WORD LEAKED
OUT THAT THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT WAS BEING SUPPLIED. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT ALL DEALINGS ON THIS SUBJECT MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH HIM,
EAGLEBURGER AND THE US CHIEFS OF STAFF AND WITH NO ONE ELSE IN THE
PENTAGON. WE SAID THAT THE POINT WAS TAKEN: WE HOPED HE HAD MADE
THIS EQUALLY CLEAR TO THE PENTAGON. BURT SAID THAT HE HAD DONE SO.
GENERAL BOAM IS NOW IN TOUCH WITH THE CHIEFS OF STAFF ABOUT DESPATCH
ARRANGEMENTS.

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