

2 April 1982

Falkland circuit closed 0900

Latimer MOD - reply to Parliamentary Question

The tasking  
decided by Director BAS  
No combatant role may be requested.

Cdr. Lyons

Admiral Whetstone (01-218-6657) - Assistant Chief Naval Operations:  
Marines from Endurance put in  
No offensive action  
Argentines may want to push their hand  
Marines protect people and protect sovereignty  
Action moved to Falklands

1035  
1040

Chase (01-233-4970) till 7.30-8.00 pm)  
Set up 24-hr. unit to cover crisis  
Section 1. Consular/Welfare 01-233-5619  
2. Political events 01-233-4485  
" " 4477

Media reports reasonably accurate

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Bransfield not to Grytviken  
Endurance to remain as long as necessary. Laws phone Bowman. NERC  
intermediary, 0793-40101. NERC HQ don't have info. BAS is info.  
finding service. Tell us what can be said. Clear everything with  
FCO. Will get truth from BAS.

W N Bonner 2.30 Woman's hour

Walton - talk to anyone as citizen provided not as BAS.

Bowman Up to date situation: In touch with FCO. Tried Fearn - not  
able. Mr. Chase is assistant.  
FCO embarrassed. Info. to be put out to NERC Private Office.  
Reply to Martin not to be sent. Chase drafting reply to South  
Georgia. Will draft suitable message. Discussed political side

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Bransfield: - [Hugh O'Gorman - Portishead Radio]

1215 Zulu contacted Grytviken - all well

Message from Martin BC. "Any decision I make will be with view to protecting base personnel as first priority."

Your message to Bransfield and bases passed to Grytviken at that time, and re-transmitted to other bases.

Present position: 20 miles north of Staten Island. Remaining outside 12 m limit.

F.I. Broadcasting:

1. Military have taken over F.I.  
Established Military Junta  
Transmitting on F.I. Radio  
KRA Radio Malvinas
  
2. Issued 4 communiques for Malvinas/Georgia del Sud/Sandwich del Sud including dependencies  
[1509 - interrupted by Argentine voice saying "Will you get off this frequency!"]  
Governor was unable to transmit to FCO - taken by surprise, he destroyed all ciphers, confidential papers  
Radio taken over peacefully  
HEGFI [His Excellency Governor of F.I.] made last broadcast  
Admiral had not taken over  
Expecting Military Governor to arrive hr. later  
Truce signed at 0955 Falkland time  
500 Argentine troops on island - no point in further resistance  
No confirmed FI casualties, 3 Argentines (one seriously)  
Treated in Stanley Hospital  
Governor advised Falkland Islanders to continue life as normal - obey instructions from Argentine military governor  
Last broadcast put out, then music and interviews with local people  
1020 Falkland time - First Argentine broadcast from Military Governor.  
Content: Taken over from British Governor  
All Government personnel and all military personnel would be sent from F.I. to the UK today.  
1040 - 2nd Communique:  
10 ? - 3rd Communique: to Population - remain in their homes until further notice. Obey military. All facilities will be closed  
1045 - 4th Communique: List of guarantees by new Military Governor of Malvinas etc. giving guarantees to F.I.:
  1. Continuity of way of life
  2. Freedom of worship
  3. Freedom to enter, remain in, or leave F.I.
  4. Normal supplies to be maintained
  5. Health facilities and schooling would continue to be provided.

Cable and Wireless might be started up again

Any communiques only what Military Governor puts out. Nothing more.  
Broadcast station remains on air to put out statements.

Military Governor: Army General, ORVALDO GEORGE GARCIA

F.I. Broadcasting to cease, but monitoring

Later sked c.5 pm UK time

B'field keeping listening watch on bases frequency

Not in contact with Endurance

Circuit to Stanley is open

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1100 News

Argentines invaded 2000 men  
taken over airport and communications

1140 Phoned Chase - asked to confirm had been in meeting and didn't know.  
Promised to enquire and phone back.

1150 No confirmed report in.  
RML If nothing heard by 1 pm we will contact US and set up  
communications. OK

1201 Lord Buxton. Payment. Send invoice to Lord Buxton

Stuart Lawrence

Situation - heading down Argentine coast  
- proceed to F

F.I. broadcasts: Helicopter movements  
200 troops in Port William

1205 Armoured troop carriers surrounded Government House  
No casualties  
Awaiting Governor's statement  
Argentine forces trying to contact Colonial Government in  
Falklands, but not succeeded.  
Contact in 4 hours i.e. 1625

Well clear of Staten Island

1415 FCO - only info.  
Robin Fearn 01-33-4692 or 4386  
Emergency room FCO

MOD Ramsay  
Bransfield only source of intelligence from Falklands. Open circuit  
and keep open. RML - what about cost?

Cdr. Ramsay 01 218 6414  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. skeds suggested by RML, then hourly or longer intervals as  
justified

1400 Endurance - Argentine armed landing Grytviken 1300 local = 1700 UK

1405 Admiral Whetstone re above - concern re "rules of engagement"

1407 Bowman - call back 5-10 min.

1423 Spoke and passed on

1415 Fearn - BAS info. only info. known to FCO

1430 Kressman ham radio contact bases  
C & W test transmission Bermuda/Signy

1439 Bowman - talked to Fearn - Bransfield not to be used for military  
communication

Bondi Reigate 07372 - 45945

1st Duty after personnel safety to continue scientific programme. If price is stamp in passport - continue with science

1617 Bowman at NERC until 5-6 p.m.

1626 War declared on Argentina. Rumour not confirmed

? Bransfield

1755 GMT Falkland Radio broadcast "All marines at airport. Wives requested to pack and remain at home until collected for transport to airport and safe return UK with their husbands."

1820 Bransfield

Grytviken and Signy

Bird Island and Schlieper

1-hr. skeds with Portishead - doing our best to look after.

Bermuda - bases. No joy yet

Due 15 m East of Staten. ETA Palmer/F night 4th

Weather deteriorating

Refused all interviews from press

Will only accept government calls etc.

F.I. broadcasts repeating earlier messages

1930 Atherton

Contact with Rothera - just spoken - who are in contact with Grytviken, i.e. not invaded yet.

Sched. Saturday night 7-8 p.m.

1930 MOD

1936 John Bowman

1947 Atherton - Rothera. South Georgia say banned by British Naval forces from saying what situation is.

1950 MOD

2130 Bransfield

In contact Martin, Grytviken [Are you?]  
who in constant contact FCO & MOD via Endurance, who have further info. which in code.

All 40 Base members are well

Base life not exactly normal - No visitors

Expecting instructions from BAS [or FCO/MOD]

[Rothera have sked]

2135 Bowman 0734-693496

2139 FCO

2143 MOD

Marines in defence of themselves and BAS chaps - only defend if attacked.

Poor contact with Endurance

Info. - all the Cabinet had this morning

2155 Bowman

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FCO telephoned. New instructions issued to marines at S.G. - not able to say what.

22.40 Admiral Whetstone

Informed 1. Revised rules of engagement - self protection role.  
2. Paraiso been and gone  
3. ? Paraiso instructions to evacuate UK people - from analogy with F.I.

\* Instructions. Sit tight - stay as cool & calm as can. Argentines eager to minimise violence. Endurance - give all support possible. Thanks for all info. very starved of info.

23.45 Portishead

Grytviken had voice contact with Bahia Paraiso at 2130 GMT and it was arranged will contact again at 03/1000GMT on Channel 16 VHF. Announcement for Fids from Military Government. Decision normal activities are to commence tomorrow and requested co-operation of the population.

