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FROM PORT STANLEY 231156Z MAR 1982  
TO FLASH FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 48 OF 23 MARCH  
AND FLASH INFO TO BUENOS AIRES, FLASH INFO MODUK NAVY, FLASH INFO  
CINC FLEET AND FLASH INFO HMS ENDURANCE (MODUK PLEASE PASS)

MY TELNO 45: ILLEGAL LANDING ON SOUTH GEORGIA.  
1. OBSERVATION PARTY RETURNED TO GRYTVIKEN LAST NIGHT AND WAS  
REPLACED AT DAWN THIS MORNING. REPORT RECEIVED FROM PARTY AT 1050Z  
STATED THAT LANDING CRAFT QUOTE FENIX UNQUOTE WAS NOW TIED UP AT

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LEITH JETTY WITH FRENCH YACHT QUOTE CINQ GARS POUR UNQUOTE (REGISTRE  
NANTES) TIED UP ALONGSIDE. GASE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT THIS  
YACHT WITH THREE FRENCHMEN LEFT GRYTVIKEN ON 22 MARCH AND HE WARNED  
CAPTAIN TO KEEP AWAY FROM LEITH HARBOUR. ONE OF THE THREE FRENCHMEN  
IS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. FRENCH YACHT HELPED ARGENTINES LAST  
NIGHT TO RETRIEVE LANDING CRAFT, WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN  
FROM LEITH INTO KEMP ON SOUTH OF STROMNESS BAY NEAR BUSEN POINT  
WHERE BAS OBSERVATION PARTY IS SITUATED.

2. RETURNING OBSERVATION PARTY ESTIMATED THAT THERE MUST BE ABOUT  
10 ARGENTINES LEFT AT LEITH. THEY SAW SIX ON OR AROUND JETTY, TWO ON  
VEHICLE WITH MECHANICAL ARM AND THEY GUESSED THAT THERE MUST BE ONE  
OR TWO INSIDE THE BUILDINGS. ONE OF THE PEOPLE SEEN WAS DRESSED IN  
WHITE ALPINE-TYPE JACKET AND TROUSERS SIMILAR TO THOSE SEEN  
BY THE FIRST FIELD PARTY AND THOUGHT TO BE MILITARY.  
3. BUENOS AIRES TELEGRAMS NUMBERS 86 AND 87: STN CANNOT ABSOLVE

THEMSELVES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SITUATION. I INSTRUCTED THE  
CAPTAIN TO RE-EMBARK ALL PERSONS LANDED AT LEITH AND TO PROCEED TO  
GRYTVIKEN IMMEDIATELY, THERE TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. BY

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LANDING MEN AT LEITH WITHOUT PROPER CLEARANCE HE IS GUILTY OF AN  
OFFENCE UNDER OUR IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, AS HE WOULD BE ANYWHERE

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IN THE WORLD, AND HE HAS FURTHER COMPOUNDED THIS OFFENCE BY  
 DISOBEYING MY INSTRUCTIONS. THE PEOPLE HE LEFT AT LEITH ARE ILLEGAL  
 IMMIGRANTS AND MUST BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY. AND IT SHOULDN NOT BE  
 FORGOTTEN THAT IT WAS THE ARGENTINE NAVY THAT TOOK DAVIDOFF INTO  
 LEITH IN DECEMBER.F

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