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FROM PORT STANLEY 251941Z MAR 1982  
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 51 OF 25 MARCH  
AND FLASH INFO BUENOS AIRES, MODUK NAVY AND CINC FLEET

BUENOS AIRES TELNO 101 TO YOU: SOUTH GEORGIA.

1. IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS JOURNALISTS SINCE THE NEWS OF THE ARGENTINE LANDING AT LEITH BROKE, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED THE WORDING IN YOUR TELNO 35, NAMELY: THAT HMS ENDURANCE IS STILL IN FALKLANDS WATERS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IF NECESSARY. WE HAVE DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AS TO HER SPECIFIC WHEREABOUTS AND HAVE REFERRED OVERSEAS QUESTIONERS TO MOD. FALKLAND ISLANDS BROADCASTING SERVICE HAVE ALSO STUCK SCRUPUL-

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OUSLY TO THIS LINE. ISLANDERS KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT BISCOE IS BRINGING THE NEW NR 8901 FROM MONTEVIDEO AND THEY HAVE DRAWN THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION FROM THAT.

2. WE HAVE ONE IRRESPONSIBLE LOCAL JOURNALIST WHO EDITS, PRINTS AND PUBLISHES THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES. HE ADMITS THAT HE HAS TOLD THE DAILY STAR AND ONE OR TWO OTHER UK NEWSPAPERS THAT HMS ENDURANCE IS IN SOUTH GEORGIA. THIS IS SHEER SPECULATION ON HIS PART AND HE HAS BEEN TOLD NO MORE THAN ANY OTHER JOURNALIST BY ME OR MY STAFF. THE MOST EXTREME OF OUR COUNCILLORS, PECK, PROPOSES TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING THIS EVENING AND I HAVE WARNED HIM NOT TO DISCLOSE ENDURANCE'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

3. PARA 3 OF TUR: THE DEPENDENCIES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1971 COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT AND ARE NOT THEREFORE COVERED BY THE SOVEREIGNTY UMBRELLA. AS STATED IN MY TELNO 172 OF 20 OCTOBER, 1981, ISLANDERS WOULD CERTAINLY OBJECT TO EXTENSION OF WHITE CARD USAGE TO INCLUDE DEPENDENCIES AS THIS WOULD IMPLY RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINA'S RIGHT TO ENTER THE DEPENDENCIES WITHOUT OBSERVING NORMAL IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS AND WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR SOVEREIGNTY OVER SOUTH GEORGIA. INDEED, IF DAVIDOFF'S MEN HAVE WHITE CARDS WITH THEM AT LEITH, THIS IS A DISTURBING INDICATION OF MFAIS

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INVOLVEMENT IN DAVIDOFF'S PLANS, AS ONLY THE MAFA ISSUE WHITE CARDS

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AND THEY KNOW THAT DEPENDENCIES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT.

BY LANDING UNLAWFULLY AT LEITH, DAVIDOFF'S MEN HAVE RENDERED THEMSELVES PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS UNDER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE OF 1965 AND, IF THEY WERE NOW TO TURN UP AT FRYTVIKEN, ISLANDERS WOULD EXPECT BASE COMMANDER TO INSTRUCT MASTER OF VESSEL TO REMOVE THEM FORTHWITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE.

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