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TELEGRAM NUMBER 242 OF 04 APRIL
AND TO ROUTINE LIMA BOGOTA OTTAWA QUITO
INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK SITCEN

YOUR TELNO 60: FALKLAND ISLANDS: CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. I DOUBT VERY MUCH IF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT COULD AGREE TO STAGING. IT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY ACCEPT OVERFLIGHTS, PARTICULARLY IF SECRECY COULD BE MAINTAINED DURING AND AFTER THE EVENT, BUT I IMAGINE THIS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. IF A ROUTE THROUGH OR OVER

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MEXICO WERE HIGHLY DESIRABLE, I COULD ALWAYS DISCUSS THE PROBLEM IN STRICT CONFIDENCE WITH THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEE HOW FAR HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO. BUT I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC.

2. PLEASE SEE MY GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE MEXICAN POSITION IN MY TELS NO. 243, 244 (NOT TO ALL).

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