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FALKLAND ISLANDS : EXCLUSION ZONE

1. Ministers have decided this evening that S of S will announce during the debate the establishment of an "exclusion zone" around the Falkland Islands. We must now take action urgently to promulgate it as follows:-

a. Despatch of an FCO guidance telegram to all posts (FCO emergency room);

b. Notice to Mariners:

i. Message to be promulgated as a radio and navigational warning. It should be relayed by the Hydrographic Dept MOD (N) to the Area Co-ordinators in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and South Africa. The Duty Officer in the Hydrographic Dept at Taunton would take this on, and can be found on telno 0823-87900 x442 or x465. This should be followed up with a printed "Notice to Mariners";

ii. Message should be passed to Lloyds of London; 10.15

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- iii. Cincfleet should be asked to monitor the promulgation of message and report.

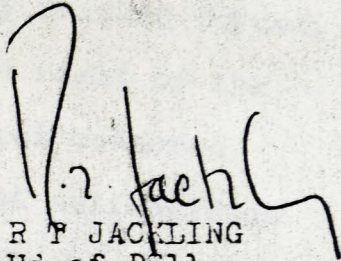
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- c. Text of message should be made known to wire services, newspapers, radio and television, with the request that it be given the widest possible publicity.

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2. I attach the text of the Notice. The draft guidance telegram in terms agreed between the FCO and MOD will be made available to the FCO emergency room as soon as possible.

7 April 1982


R F JACKLING
Hd of DS11
MB 9326 3287 MB

until 10.30 PM
Wednesday 7 April

NOTICE OF AN EXCLUSION ZONE

"From 0400 Greenwich Mean Time on Monday 12 April 1982, a maritime exclusion zone will be established around the Falkland Islands. The outer limit of this zone is a circle of 200 nautical mile radius from Latitude 51 degrees 40 minutes South, 59 degrees 30 minutes West, which is approximately the centre of the Falkland Islands. From the time indicated, any Argentine warship and Argentine naval auxiliary found within this zone will be treated as hostile and are liable to be attacked by British forces. This measure is without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures may be needed in exercise of its right of self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter."

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TO FLASH WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 671 OF 7 APRIL

MY TELNO 664: FALKLANDS

1. MINISTERS HAVE DECIDED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN MR NOTT'S WINDING UP SPEECH IN TODAY'S DEBATE. TEXT IS IN M.I.F.T. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE URGENTLY FROM ME TO HAIG AND LET HIM HAVE AT THE SAME TIME A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT. BEGINS.

DEAR AL. I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT JOHN NOTT, IN HIS WINDING UP SPEECH IN TODAY'S DEBATE ON THE FALKLANDS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WILL ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM 0400 ON MONDAY 12 APRIL. I AM ASKING NICKO HENDERSON TO PASS YOU THE TEXT OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THIS MESSAGE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO YOU WHEN WE MEET TOMORROW. YOURS EVER, FRANCIS. ENDS.

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TO FLASH WASHINGTON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 672 OF 7 APRIL
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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT. BEGINS. FROM 0400 GREENWICH MEAN TIME ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 1982, A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THE OUTER LIMIT OF THIS ZONE IS A CIRCLE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS FROM LATITUDE 51 DEGREES 40 MINUTES SOUTH, 59 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THE CENTRE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. FROM THE TIME INDICATED, ANY ARGENTINE WARSHIPS AND ARGENTINE NAVAL AUXILIARIES FOUND WITHIN THIS ZONE WILL BE TREATED AS HOSTILE AND ARE LIABLE TO BE ATTACKED BY BRITISH FORCES. THIS MEASURE IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TAKE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE NEEDED IN EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE, UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. ENDS.

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*TO	TELEX NO 416464		
	HYDRO UK TAUNTON		

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FOR RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL WARNING OFFICER HYDROGRAPHER
 TAUNTON, NOTICE OF EXCLUSION ZONE MESSAGE TO
 BE PROMULGATED AS RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL WARNING
 AND FOLLOWED BY PRINTED NOTICE TO MARINERS
 AFTER 072230 APRIL REPEAT AFTER 072230

~~MESSAGE IS~~
 NOTICE IS AS FOLLOWS

FROM 0400 GREENWICH MEAN TIME ON MONDAY 12 APRIL
 1982, A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AROUND

Special Distribution See note 9

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 UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED
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RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED
 BY PHONING DSS - 01-218-7484 (WINTER) @
 UPGRADED TO UNCLASS AT 072230 @

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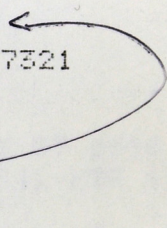
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IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE 072130Z APR 82

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 TO CINCFLEET
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1. NOTICE OF EXCLUSION ZONE. HMG HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.
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3. HYDROGRAPHER WILL ARRANGE FOR PROMULGATION OF RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL WARNING. CINCFLEET IS ASKED TO MONITOR THE PROMULGATION OF MESSAGE

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