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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NO. 021 OF 26 APR 82
INFO ROUTINE ROME

YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS. 099 TO ANKARA AND 296 TO UKHIS NEW YORK,
FALKLANDS; MILITARY OPERATIONS

1. I DELIVERED A LETTER THIS MORNING TO MGR SILVESTRINI BASED
LARGELY ON YOUR TWO TELEGRAMS UNDER REFERENCE. I ALSO TOOK
THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HIM TWO COPIES OF THE WORLD PRESS COMMENTS
ON THE AFFAIR RECEIVED TO-DAY.
2. MGR SILVESTRINI NOTED THE ARGUMENTS SET OUT IN MY LETTER
(COPY BY BAG SA DEPARTMENT) AND ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION, WHICH
I GAVE, POINTING TO THE RELEVANT SENTENCE, THAT WE CONTINUED TO
REGARD NEGOTIATION AND THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS AS THE BEST HOPE FOR
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE.
3. I DESCRIBED BRIEFLY THE EVENTS IN SOUTH GEORGIA OUTLINED IN
YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 072 TO CARACAS. SILVESTRINI SAID THAT A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION WAS THEIR AIM AND HOPE. I THINK THAT A REPLY TO
THE POPE'S RECENT MESSAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS WAS ALSO HMG'S
AIM AND HOPE WOULD BE A TIMELY CONTRIBUTION (MY TELECON OF 26
APRIL WITH YOUNG OF WED).

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