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TO IMMEDIATE MONTEVIDEO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 186 OF 28 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

INFO BRASILIA, UKMIS GENEVA

FCO TELNO 836 TO WASHINGTON AND MONTEVIDEO TELNO 193 (NOW COPIED TO BRASILIA AND UKMIS GENEVA).

FALKLAND ISLANDS: HELP FOR ISLANDERS

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE HAS REINFORCED THE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR THIRD PARTY HELP. PLEASE NOW ASK THE URUGUAYANS WHETHER THEY WOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE WILLING TO ASSIST, IF THE NEED SHOULD ARISE IN THE FUTURE, IN ARRANGING FOR E.G. A SHIP TO TAKE OFF ISLANDERS WHO MIGHT WISH TO LEAVE THE ISLANDS TEMPORARILY UNTIL THE PRESENT CRISIS IS OVER. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT OF COURSE BE CERTAIN THAT THIS NEED WILL IN FACT ARISE, MUCH LESS OF THE NUMBERS OF ISLANDERS WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOUR ENQUIRY IS A PURELY PERSONAL ONE, AND IS BEING MADE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ICRC'S SENSITIVITY ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A PRESENCE ON THE ISLANDS, WE SHOULD PREFER YOU NOT TO MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF ICRC INVOLVEMENT: ALTHOUGH IF THE ICRC DID MANAGE TO GET ON TO THE ISLANDS THEY WOULD OF COURSE BE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN ANY EFFORT TO EVACUATE ANY PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO LEAVE.

3. GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM WASHINGTON ON FCO TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE.

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