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FM SANTIAGO 032100Z MAY 82
TO FLASH FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 203 OF 3 MAY
AND TO FLASH MOD

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MOD FOR ACAS(OPS), DS INT, DS8, DS5, DMSI.

FALKLANDS/CHILE/ARGENTINA

1. Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4) Whayland, 11 Sept 2012 TELLS
ME THAT CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS, CURRENTLY IN MADRID, HAS BEEN
URGENTLY SUMMONED TO GENEVA TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS
FOR NEW OAS SECRETARY GENERAL. PRESENT INCUMBERENT SR. ORFILA IS SAID
TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY ARGENTINE JUNTA AND TO HAVE ACCEPTED
THEIR INVITATION TO REPLACE GALTIERI AS " INTERIM PRESIDENT".
CHILEANS EXPECT THIS MOVE TO TAKE PLACE ALMOST AT ONCE AND SAY
GALTIERI IS UNLIKELY TO LAST THE WEEK (THEY EXPECT HIM TO COMMIT
SUICIDE (EXCLAM)) IN STRICT CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) RODRIGUEZ
AIDE ADDED "OUR NEIGHBOURS WILL BE REPLACING A DRUNKARD WITH A
HOMOSEXUAL". ORFILA IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE HIS ACCEPTANCE

SI (CIDE (EXCLAS)) IN STRICT CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) / ADMIRAL
SIDE ADTEL / OUR NEIGHBOURS WILL BE REPLACING A DRUNKARD WITH A
HOMOSEXUAL. OFFICER IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE HIS ACCEPTANCE
CONDITIONAL ON BEING GIVEN A COMPLETELY FREE HAND TO RESOLVE
THE FALKLANDS CRISIS. CHILEANS CONSIDER THAT HIS INTERNATIONAL
RESPECTABILITY SHOULD GREATLY ASSIST ARGENTINA IN THIS TASK.

2. AS THIS REPORT IS AS YET UNSUBSTANTIATED FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE,
IT SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE TREATED WITH CARE. THE OUTWARDLY SURPRISING
FEATURE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT (IF TRUE) IS THAT A HARD-LINER
IN THE JUNTA LIKE ADMIRAL ANAYA WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAND OVER
RESPONSIBILITY TO A CIVILIAN. BUT WITH A DEGREE OF PANIC BEGINNING
TO SPREAD, I SUPPOSE ONE WAY OUT OF SUCH A DIFFICULT SITUATION
WOULD BE TO FIX ON A CONVENIENT CIVILIAN SCAPEGOAT WHO CAN LATER
BE DISOWNED WITHOUT UNDULY TARNISHING THE MILITARY IMAGE.

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