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AND FLASH INFO MODUK NAVY, CINC FLEET, BUENOS AIRES AND HMS ENDURANCE

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YOUR TELNO 38: ILLEGAL LANDING ON SOUTH GEORGIA.

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1. BASE COMMANDER HAS CONFIRMED PRESENCE OF AT LEAST SIX ARGENTINES STILL ASHORE AT LEITH. IN LATEST REPORT FROM HIS OBSERVATION PARTY AT 221630Z, HE SAID THEY HAD COUNTED SIX PEOPLE ON OR AROUND LEITH JETTY. IN ADDITION TO LAUNCH REPORTED IN HMS ENDURANCE'S SIGNAL NO. 221145Z, THEY HAD ALSO SEEN A LANDING CRAFT WHICH THEY THOUGHT BORE THE NAME QUOTE FENIX UNQUOTE. THEY ALSO OBSERVED A VEHICLE WITH A MECHANICAL ARM ON THE JETTY.

2. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH BASE COMMANDER AT 1100Z, I ASKED HIM TO SEND A FIELD PARTY INTO LEITH TO ASCERTAIN THAT ALL ARGENTINES HAD GONE. IN VIEW OF THIS SUBSEQUENT REPORT, HE HAD NOT DONE SO. HIS MAIN DIFFICULTY IS THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO SEND A FIELD PARTY TO LEITH AND KEEP AN OBSERVATION PARTY OVERLOOKING LEITH HARBOUR. TO GET FROM ONE TO THE OTHER TAKES AT LEAST 7 HOURS AND WE SHOULD BE WITHOUT OBSERVATION REPORTS DURING THAT TIME. UNLESS I INSTRUCT HIM TO THE CONTRARY, THEREFORE, HE WILL MAINTAIN AN OBSERVATION PARTY AT PRESENT SITE DURING HOURS OF DAYLIGHT BUT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO SEND ANOTHER PARTY INTO LEITH ITSELF.

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3. BUENOS AIRES TELNO 86 TO YOU: I DO NOT AGREE WITH PARA 3. DAVIDOFF HAS NOT ONLY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES, HE HAS ALSO ALLOWED HIS MEN TO ACT IN BREACH OF HIS CONTRACT WITH SALVESEN'S. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ENDURANCE BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO LEITH TO REMOVE ALL DAVIDOFF'S MEN AND THAT DAVIDOFF BE TOLD THAT HE HAS FORFEITED THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE HIS OPTION TO PURCHASE SCRAP ETC. FROM SALVESEN. I CONSIDER THAT HIS BEHAVIOUR OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THEIR APPROVAL FOR HIM TO CARRY ON WITH HIS SALVAGE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

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