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FROM PORT STANLEY 261103Z MAR 1982  
TO FLASH FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 54 OF 26 MARCH  
AND FLASH INFO BUENOS AIRES, MODUK NAVY AND CINC FLEET

YOUR TELNO 72 TO BUENOS AIRES: SOUTH GEORGIA.

1. AFTER ALL THE OFFENCES COMMITTED BY DAVIDOFF AND HIS MEN, LETTING THE SHORE PARTY RETURN TO LEITH AFTER PROPER CLEARANCE AT GRYTVIKEN WILL GO DOWN LIKE A LEAD BALLOON WITH THE ISLANDERS; BUT IN VIEW OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF BUENOS AIRES TELNO 101 TO YOU, I AGREE THAT IT IS THE MOST SENSIBLE COMPROMISE.
2. I AM MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED THAT THIS WHOLE EXERCISE WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY, IF NOT BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT (COSTA MENDEZ'S REFERENCE TO WHITE CARDS SUGGESTS MFA INVOLVEMENT) AND I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT, IF DAVIDOFF'S MEN ARE TO GO BACK TO LEITH, THEY MUST HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION. WE SHALL THEN HAVE MADE OUR POINT.
3. PROPER DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) MEAN STAMPING OF WHITE CARDS. I AM INSTRUCTING BASE COMMANDER TO ASK FOR PASSPORTS AND, IF PRODUCED, TO STAMP THEM WITH AN ENTRY PERMIT IN THE NORMAL WAY, FOR 16 WEEKS ONLY. IF THEY CANNOT PRODUCE PASSPORTS, BASE COMMANDER WILL ISSUE THEM WITH TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, EMBOSSED WITH HIS MAGISTRATE'S SEAL, AND BEARING AN ENTRY PERMIT FOR 16 WEEKS.

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