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FALKLANDS: BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR PRESS FACILITIES

1. ALEXANDRE GARCIA, A SENIOR STAFF REPORTER ON THE WIDELY-READ ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY MANCHETE, ASKED ME YESTERDAY IF WE COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO GO TO PORT STANLEY AS SOON AS THE FIGHTING IS OVER WITH A VIEW TO WRITING A MAJOR REPORT ON THE ISLANDS AFTER BRITISH REOCCUPATION.

2. GARCIA IS A FIRST-CLASS JOURNALIST AND A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL COURAGE. HE HAS DONE OUR CAUSE GREAT SERVICE BY PUBLISHING A SERIES OF HARD-HITTING AND GRAPHICALLY-ILLUSTRATED ARTICLES IN MANCHETE ABOUT THE FALKLANDS CRISIS, DRAWING IN PART ON HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF VISITING THE ISLANDS UNDER ARGENTINE OCCUPATION, WHICH HE FOUND ABOMINABLE. HE ALSO RUNS A DAILY 5-MINUTE SLOT IN RADIO MANCHETE AT BREAKFAST TIME, WHICH HE HABITUALLY USES TO CASTIGATE THE ARGENTINES. HE IS AN INTELLIGENT AND OBJECTIVE MAN WHO WAS, INCIDENTALLY, RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE ROYAL WEDDING IN

FOR MUCH OF THE EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE ROYAL WEDDING IN SUCCESSIVE ISSUES OF MANCHETE LAST YEAR. HE HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO AND WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET WHEN HE VISITED CHILE LAST MONTH (SANTIAGO TELNO 231 REFERS).

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO GET GARCIA AND HIS PHOTOGRAPHER TO THE FALKLANDS AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE MOMENT. IF NECESSARY, THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO FLY TO LONDON EN ROUTE FOR PORT STANLEY, WHICH COULD INCIDENTALLY OFFER THE MOD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY OF BRIEFING HIM.

4. WE HAVE ALSO HAD REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO THE FALKLANDS BY OTHER INFLUENTIAL BRAZILIAN MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - NOTABLY O GLOBO AND JORNAL DO BRASIL (THE LATTER, LIKE MANCHETE, AN ARDENT SUPPORTER OF THE BRITISH CAUSE IN RECENT WEEKS). I UNDERSTAND THAT MOD PRESS DEPARTMENT HAVE A LONG WAITING LIST. BUT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING INFLUENTIAL BRAZILIAN OPINION ON OUR SIDE IN THE PRESENT CRISIS, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO GET REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE THREE ORGANISATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY GARCIA, TO THE FALKLANDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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