

FALKLAND ISLANDS: FCO SITREP: 0730 HRS: 3 JUNE

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1. The Security Council has met in formal session. A draft resolution, sponsored by Spain and Panama, which calls for an unconditional cease-fire was tabled. Voting on the draft resolution takes place at 1500 GMT today.

Military Action

2. The Ministry of Defence have announced the loss of two Harriers during continued attacks on Argentine military installations on the Falklands. Both pilots were safely recovered.

3. MOD also announced that an accident involving explosives occurred at Goose Green on 1 June. There were both British and Argentine casualties.

4. The Task Force has been reinforced by the deployment of further RAF Harriers from RAF Wittering. These Harriers flew to the area of operations via Ascension Island using air to air refuelling.

Hospital Ships

5. The hospital ship, HMS Hecla, has arrived in Montevideo. 24 Argentine prisoners were disembarked. 18 injured British servicemen also left the Hecla to return by air to the UK.

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3 June

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0700 HOURS, 3 JUNE 1982

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1. Instructions were sent to Sir A Parsons for his call on the Secretary-General to make it clear that HMG could not accept a mutual withdrawal of forces from the Falklands. Sir A Parsons summarises developments in New York. Perez de Cuellar reported to the Security Council his failure to negotiate mutually acceptable terms for a ceasefire. The Council met formally and Spain and Panama tabled a brief draft resolution simply calling for an immediate ceasefire. Various statements were made including one by Sir A Parsons briefly setting out the British position, and making it clear that the resolution calling for an unconditional ceasefire was unacceptable to the UK. Sir A Parsons also circulated the text of a Resolution which would be acceptable to us, but without tabling it, in order to muddy the waters. Despite pressure from Spain and Panama for an immediate vote, voting on the Resolution was postponed until 1500Z on 3 June.

Recommendations

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2. Sir A Parsons considers that the sponsors can count on six favourable votes for their draft Resolution (China, USSR, Poland, Spain, Ireland and Panama); we can probably count on five negative votes or abstentions (UK, US, France, Guyana, and Japan). The sponsors therefore need three out of the following four to obtain the necessary nine votes to turn a negative UK vote into a veto: Jordan, Togo, Uganda, Zaire.

3. Sir A Parsons makes the following lobbying recommendations:

- (a) urgent lobbying in Dublin, Kampala, Amman and Kinshasa with host Governments for negative votes;
- (b) Chargé d'Affaires in Havana to lobby Ugandan and Zairean representatives at Non-Aligned Meeting, if possible in conjunction with Guyanese, for negative votes;
- (c) lobbying in Tokyo to try to ensure that Japanese abstain;

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- (d) lobbying in Paris and Washington to ensure that firm instructions are sent to keep their Representatives in New York on UK's side;
- (e) a high level approach in Georgetown to extract a negative vote from Guyana

US Views

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4. Instructions were sent to Sir N Henderson in Washington to reiterate to President Reagan HMG's appreciation for US support. HM Ambassador drew on this message in speaking reassuringly to Haig, who was dismayed at UK press criticism of his attitude, and passed it to the President.

Bilateral with President Reagan

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5. The bilateral between the Prime Minister and President Reagan has now been confirmed for 1500 hours on 4 June.

Comment

6. While there may still be a possibility of further negotiations on drafts (and Sir A Parsons's circulation of our own draft has had a useful confusing effect), we have to assume a vote on the Spanish/Panamanian draft this afternoon. Urgent lobbying action is now required, as set out in para 3 above. Sir A Parsons does not need new instructions.



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