



Mr. Valentino is clearly not
not an official representative
of the junta

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Mr Fearn

Falkland Islands

I was telephoned at 1715 on 2 April by someone claiming to be a Mr Valentino, Special Assistant to President Galtieri in Buenos Aires. He said that he had instructions to pass a very important message to us. The Argentine Government wanted to "arrange" a solution in the Falkland Islands. I asked him what proposals he had to make and commented that the only arrangement that we wished to see was the immediate withdrawal of Argentine forces from the British territory of the Falkland Islands. He said that this was impossible and asked how they could possibly be British given their geographical location. I asked him again what proposals he had to make. He said that he could not speak to me any further since he had been summoned urgently by the President but would telephone later.

The telephone call did not sound as if it was from Buenos Aires and Mr Valentino did not speak in a way consistent with his claim to be a Special Assistant to President Galtieri.

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Mr. Valentino telephoned again at 1745, saying that he was speaking on behalf of the junta and wanted to arrange negotiations. I asked him on whose behalf he was speaking and expressed scepticism. He ended the conversation hastily.

J.H.