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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 223 OF 12 NOVEMBER.

MY TELNO. *220 AND YOUR TELNO. 257. * MR RIDLEY'S VISIT.

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- FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, CABINET HAVE AGREED THAT MR RIDLEY SHOULD VISIT THE ISLANDS TO ASSESS THE DEGREE OF ISLANDER SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON LEASEBACK. IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT NO SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE POSITIVE SUPPORT OF A MAJORITY OF THE ISLANDERS.
- PLEASE TELL CAVANDOLI ONLY THAT WE ARE ON COURSE AND THAT MINISTERS HAVE DISCUSSED. MR RIDLEY WILL EXPLAIN NEXT STEPS WHEN THEY MEET.
- FOR PRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR MR RIDLEY TO BE SEEN MAKING A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON CAVANDOLI/PASTOR AT MFA. BUT MR RIDLEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE CAVANDOLI PRIVATELY AT LUNCH ALSO (PARA. 4 OF YOUR TUR), PROVIDED THAT THIS WILL NOT RECEIVE PUBLICITY.
- WE HOPE ARGENTINES WILL HELP PLAY DOWN VISIT AND REACT NON-COMMITTALLY TO ANY NEWS WHICH EMERGES FROM THE ISLANDS WHILE MR RIDLEY IS THERE. IT WOULD BE BEST IF (ON THE FACT OF THE VISIT TO THE ISLANDS) THEY COULD LIMIT ANY COMMENT TO THEIR WISH TO SEE PROGRESS MADE ON THE DISPUTE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. AS NECESSARY, THEY COULD STATE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO ANY IDEAS: BUT THAT REACTION NOW WOULD BE PREMATURE. THEY SHOULD AT ALL COSTS AVOID ANY PUBLIC WELCOME FOR THE PROPOSALS AND OF COURSE ANY MENTION OF PRIOR CONTACTS.
- WE ARE PREPARING PRESS LINE FOR USE SHOULD NEWS OF THE PROPOSAL BREAK.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MR RIDLEY'S VISIT

1. I submit, as discussed with Mr Ridley on 10 November, a draft telegram to H M Ambassador, Buenos Aires, to inform him personally of the basis on which Mr Ridley is visiting Argentina and the Falklands, following Cabinet on 7 November. Attached for reference are the minutes of the OD meeting, our telegrams to Port Stanley and Buenos Aires informing them of Mr Ridley's visit, and a telegram in reply from Buenos Aires asking what arrangements to make with the Argentines.

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P R Fearn
 South America Dept.

12 November 1980