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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 8 OF 7 JANUARY 1982.  
INFO PRIORITY PORT STANLEY  
INFO ROUTINE UKMIS NEW YORK  
SAVING UKMIS GENEVA  
MY TELEGRAM NO 317 OF 1981: ANGLO-ARGENTINE TALKS ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. WE CAN NOW OFFER THE ARGENTINES TALKS ON 22 AND 23 FEBRUARY AND(SUBJECT TO COMMENTS FROM UKMIS NEW YORK), AGREE THAT THESE SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARGENTINE PREFERENCE.
2. URE SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO ORTIZ DE ROZAS ON 6 JANUARY, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE DATES MUST REMAIN SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE LIGHT OF MR LUCE'S PARLIAMENTARY OBLIGATIONS, SINCE THE TIMING OF THE PASSAGE OF THE CANADIAN LEGISLATION THROUGH PARLIAMENT IS STILL UNCERTAIN.
3. YOU SHOULD NOW TAKE PARALLEL ACTION WITH THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD AGAIN UNDERLINE THE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS OVER THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION BILL. YOU SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT WHILE WE HAVE OFFERED THE EARLIEST DATES POSSIBLE FOR MR LUCE, IT IS CLEAR THAT TO HOLD THE TALKS IN MID-WEEK WILL PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR ISLAND COUNCILLORS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE SUMMER SEASON. WE ARE THEREFORE PROPOSING THESE DATES IN THE HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINES WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE LADE FLIGHT SCHEDULES TO ALLOW TRAVEL FROM AND TO THE ISLANDS ON SATURDAY 20 AND SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY, SO THAT COUNCILLORS NEED NOT BE AWAY FOR MORE THAN ONE WEEK.
4. ASSUMING THESE DATES CAN BE AGREED, MR LUCE WOULD PROPOSE TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AT LUNCHTIME ON 21 FEBRUARY, THUS ALLOWING TIME FOR HIM TO MEET THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION AND THE ISLANDERS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE FORMAL TALKS.

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5. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE TALKS. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT, WHILE THE ADVANTAGES FOR COUNCILLORS OF HOLDING TALKS ON A FRIDAY/SATURDAY ARE APPRECIATED, MR LUCE HAS FIRM CONSTITUENCY COMMITMENTS OVER THE PERIOD WHICH RULES THIS OUT.

6. FOR PORT STANLEY. PLEASE INFORM COUNCILLORS OF THESE PROPOSALS, EXPLAINING THAT WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE INCONVENIENCE FOR THEM OF HOLDING TALKS ON A TUESDAY AND A WEDNESDAY AND HAVE ASKED THE ARGENTINES TO LAY ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS.

7. FOR UKMIS NEW YORK. GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WOULD SEE ANY PROBLEM ABOUT ARRANGING TALKS IN NEW YORK ON THE DATES PROPOSED.

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