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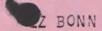
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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON (DESKBY Ø921ØØZ)

MY TELNO 258: VULCAN DIVERSION

- 1. FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 4P.M. (=091900Z) AND SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING RULING:
- (A) THAT THE ARMAMENTS (IE THE MISSILE) TRANSPORTED ON THE VULCAN AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE RETAINED IN BRAZIL UNTIL THE END OF THE CONFLICT:
- (B) THAT THE VULCAN ITSELF SHOULD BE HANDED BACK TO BRITAIN IN RETURN FOR A WRITTEN UNDERTAKING FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD PLAY NO FURTHER PART IN WARLIKE OPERATIONS IN THE MALVINAS (CF THE IDEA PUT BY SIR A ACLAND TO AMBASSADOR CAMPOS YOUR TELNO 169). A NOTE FROM ME TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE.
- (C) THAT THE DECISION AT (B) WAS PURELY AD HOC AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE A LEGAL PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE.
- (D) THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BRAZIL WOULD PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE BOUT DE PAPIER WHICH I HANDED OVER ON 5 JUNE (PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF TUR REFERS).
- 2. GUERREIRO SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR SOON ABOUT THIS DECISION. HE HOPED THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WOULD SWALLOW. IT: BUT HE WOULD NOT GIVE THEM THE OPTION OF OBJECTING. NOTHING WOULD BE SAID TO THE PRESS UNTIL OUR REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED.
- 3. ACTION NOW LIES WITH US. IF YOU CAN LET ME HAVE RAPID AUTHORITY TO SEND A NOTE TO GUERREIRO IN THE APPROPRIATE TERMS (WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO SPECIFY), I CAN ARRANGE TO TRANSMIT IT TO ITAMARATY TONIGHT. IT MAY THEN TAKE SOME HOURS FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT MACHINE TO TRANSLATE THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE INTO THE PRACTICAL MEASURES NEEDED TO ALLOW THE VULCAN TO DEPART, MORE PARTICULARLY AS TOMORROW IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT BRAZIL (CORPUS CHRISTI).
- 5. I SUSPECT THAT THE BRAZILIANS WOULD BE QUITE GLAD TO GET THE VULCAN AWAY FROM GALEAO BEFORE THE POPE ARRIVES THERE AT 4A.M. LOCAL TIME ON FRIDAY EN ROUTE FOR ARGENTINA. IT IS A BIZARRE AND NOT A PARTICULARLY HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT ASTIZ WILL BE ARRIVING AT 210 ON BRITISH CALEDONIAN'S FRIDAY MORNING FLIGHT ONLY TWO HOURS LATER.