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Registry Address

Room No. 274, King Charles Street.
ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR

1. I was interested to see from Andrew Murray's letter of 23 November to Heads of Mission Section that it would not be possible for new Ambassadors to present their credentials until after 19 February. I have discussed this with Anthony Williams and agreed that he should now defer his arrival in Buenos Aires until a date closer to that on which he might expect to present his credentials. This points to mid-February.

2. It would meanwhile be helpful if you were able to take soundings of the MFA and obtain, if possible, an approximate date for a credential ceremony after 19 February. On this basis we could plan for the new Ambassador to arrive about ten days beforehand.

3. I assume that you would see no particular disadvantages in a slightly longer gap between your departure and Anthony Williams's arrival, bearing in mind that the summer holidays will make this a quiet time for the post. But perhaps you could let me know if you foresee any difficulties.

Yours ever,

P R Fearn
South America Dept.

cc
A J Beamish Esq
POD
Miss M W Walker
Heads of Mission Section
POD
With the compliments of

CHANCERY

Mr. Fearn
Mr. Broadley
Mr. Maloney
Mr. Cresswell

BRITISH EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES

Rozas leaves soon

Argentina's ambassador to the United Nations, Jorge Oríz de Rozas, leaves soon for his new post. He will be succeeded by the present secretary-general of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim. Oríz de Rozas has served as Argentina's ambassador to the United Nations twice, in 1959-61 and later in 1978-80. He will be succeeded by the present secretary-general, Kurt Waldheim.

Oríz de Rozas expressed his regret at leaving the post, saying that he has been unable to visit all the British institutions active in Argentina, which he has been unable to do because of his being tied up in arrangements for his trip. He said he hopes to visit them when he returns to Buenos Aires, next year.

Oríz de Rozas said he will be accompanied by his wife, Carmen Sarove. He regrets that his anti-rabies campaign has not affected the rat population in Britain as strongly as it has in other European countries, even at the most difficult moments, he said, and it has not affected bilateral relations, he added.

Oríz de Rozas, probably the country's most distinguished career diplomat, has held a number of important posts, and gained great prestige as a strong candidate for secretary-general of the United Nations, when France proposed him prior to the final election of Kurt Waldheim, the present secretary-general.
Condizioni are right for closer relations between Argentina and Great Britain, Argentina's new ambassador to the Court of St James's, Carlos Ortiz de Rozas, said yesterday.

Ortiz de Rozas, who leaves shortly for London, and expects to present his credentials to the Queen in February, said that he will strive to strengthen economic and cultural ties between the two countries, stressing the fact that "Argentina's economic situation allows for the greater participation of the developed countries of Europe".

He said he hopes to see Great Britain participating in Argentina's £15,000 million dollar public works plan, and that he will be working closely with Argentina's economy officials to further economic ties between Argentina and Great Britain.

The 53-year-old ambassador, who visited Herald editor James Neilson yesterday, does not expect the so-called "anti-Argentine campaign" abroad to hinder him at his new post: 'Our virtues and defects are very well known in Great Britain,' he said.

The "anti-Argentine campaign" has never manifested itself as strongly in Britain as in other European countries, "even at the most difficult moments," he said, and it has not affected bilateral relations," he added.

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*Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas at the United Nations. (UP file photo)*

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1. Mr Walford (?) of Barclays Bank (Tel: 626 5656, ext. 3427) rang to say that, accompanied by a colleague, he would be visiting Santiago between 9-14 January to look at banking facilities in Santiago. He explained that this investigation followed naturally on the establishment and forthcoming opening of a Barclays office in Buenos Aires. He said that he had telegraphed Mr Anglin at our Mission to forewarn him of their impending arrival. I explained that Mr Amy was in charge.

2. Mr Walford said also that he hoped that the visiting programme for our Ambassador-Designate to Argentina included a function with Barclays. The Barclays branch in Buenos Aires would be inaugurated in March and, in view of that, his general management would welcome the opportunity to see Mr Williams before his departure. I gather that Barclays are included in Mr Williams' programme: if so, could you please let Mr Walford know on the above number.

19 December 1979
G A Duggan
South America Department
London, 13th December, 1979

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I shall be temporarily out of the country as from today. Counsellor Eduardo H. Iglesias will be in charge of the Embassy until my return.

Counsellor Eduardo H. Iglesias will be duly accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship.

I have the honour to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Carlos L. Blanco
Minister
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C.,
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London
José Alres desde hacía algún tiempo, no retornaría a su sede diplomática. En un comunicado posterior, Araux Castex señaló que la resolución argentina de suspender relaciones diplomáticas con Gran Bretaña se debía a la decisión británica de enviar a las Islas Malvinas la llamada "misión Shackleton", y la negativa del gobierno del Reino Unido de reanudar las negociaciones acerca de la disputa de soberanía sobre las mencionadas islas.

El 19 de enero de 1976 el embajador Ashe abandona nuestro país, y el 6 de febrero de ese año un destructor de la Armada argentina hizo fuego intimidatorio contra el navío británico de la "misión Shackleton", que exploraba nuestra plataforma continental. El navío británico se refugió en las islas, y luego se inició entre ambos países un intercambio de opiniones sobre el episodio, que duraría hasta abril de 1977.

Dr. Ortiz de Rozas

Carlos Ortiz de Rozas tiene 53 años, es abogado y entre sus más importantes funciones anteriores se desempeñó como ministro plenipotenciario en la embajada argentina en Londres (1965-1967) embajador extraordinario en Austria (1967-1970), y representante permanente ante la Organización de las Naciones...
Las relaciones con Gran Bretaña

Se designaron embajadores. Son ellos C. Ortiz de Rozas y Anthony J. Williams.

(Sábado 17)

Los gobiernos de la Argentina y Gran Bretaña anuncianayer acuerdoscon respecto a la desmilitarización de los respectivos embajadores en Londres y Buenos Aires, respectivamente. Esta acción fue una consecuencia de las negociaciones diplomáticas en ese nivel interrumpidas desde el 17 de enero de 1976. Según el comunicado conjunto, Carlos Ortiz de Rozas será el embajador argentino en el gobierno británico, y Anthony James Williams desempeñará igual misión en Buenos Aires.

El comunicado del texto del comunicado conjunto, que normaliza las relaciones entre ambos países, expresó: "El Gobierno ha concedido el plazo de un año para la designación del embajador de la Real Sociedad de Gran Bretaña en la República Argentina.

"Por su parte, el gobierno británico ha derailado el plazo respectivo a S.E. el Dr. Carlos Ortiz de Rozas, embajador extraordinario y plenipotenciario de la República Argentina en el Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte.

"De esta manera, se normalizarán las relaciones entre ambos países, que estuvieron a cargo de los respectivos embajadores de los países hasta el 17 de enero de 1976."

Las relaciones argentino-británicas estaban en un teatro encargado de negocios desde el 17 de enero de 1976. Cuando el gobierno argentino pidió a Londres el retiro de su embajador, Derick R. Ashe, a raíz del envío a las islas Malvinas de la denominada Mision Shackleton.

Esta misión, anunciada por el ministro James Callaghan, tuvo como objetivo realizar un relevamiento sociocultural de las islas, ubicadas a más de 600 kilómetros al este de Río Gallegos, sobre el océano Atlántico. El convenció al embajador argentino, Dr. Manuel Arau X. Castex, mantuvo contacto epistolario con Callaghan, recurriendo a todos los mecanismos diplomáticos habituales para evitar el envío de la misión influyendo a agencias de agencias británicas.

Ante el fracaso de las gestiones, Arau X. Castex convenció al embajador Dr. Richard B. Ash, y le manifestó "su vergüenza" de que el gobierno británico "celebre" su embajador en la "República Argentina". A la vez, pidió que se retirara el embajador en Londres, doctor Manuel de Andres, quien se encontraba en Buenos Aires desde hacía algún tiempo, no retornará a su sede diplomática. En el momento posterior, A. X. Castex señaló que la "resolución argumentada" suspendió las relaciones diplomáticas con Gran Bretaña debido a "la decisión británica de enviar a las islas Malvinas la Mision Shackleton". La "negativa del Gobierno del Reino Unido de reanudar las negociaciones acerca de la correspondencia entre las mencionadas islas".

El 19 de enero de 1976, el embajador británico envió una nota a nuestro país, y el 5 de febrero de ese año, declaró un "decreto" de la Armada argentina, "prohibido" el nombre de la "misión Shackleton", que exploraba nuestra plataforma continental. El "servicio británico" se refugió en las islas, y luego se inició entre ambos países un intercambio de opiniones con el embajador, que duraría hasta abril de 1977.

Dr. Ortiz de Rozas

Carlos Ortiz de Rozas tiene 33 años, es abogado y embajador británico en la república francesa, donde se desempeñó como ministro del presupuesto durante una guerra francesa (1967-1969) en el exterior. En el año 2014, resultó seleccionado para el trabajo permanente por la delegación de la Comisión de las Naciones Unidas para la Descolonización.

También fue representante permanente de la Nación en la Organización de Naciones Unidas (ONU) (1970-1977) y ante el Consejo de Seguridad de la Naciones Unidas (1970-1977), y jefe de la delegación argentina ante el Comité Especial de Monedas por el mantenimiento de la paz.

El embajador británico Anthony James Williams, de 35 años de edad, desempeñó sus misiones diplomáticas con éxito en Gran Bretaña y en otros países de la región.

El PBI creció 8,8 por ciento en nueve meses

(Marzo 15)

En los nueve primeros meses del año, el Producto Bruto Interno (PBI) de nuestro país creció 8,8 por ciento, según datos presentados por el Ministerio de Hacienda.

El crecimiento de la economía fue impulsado por el aumento de la producción industrial, la mejora de la inversión extranjera e interna, y el incremento de la actividad comercial y servicios.

El método de cálculo utilizado fue el del PIB, que incluye no solo los ingresos netos del sector nacional, sino también los de la inversión extranjera.
Miss H W Walker  
Heads of Mission Section  
POD  
FCO

Dear Miss Walker

MR A J WILLIAMS: BUENOS AIRES DESIGNATE

1. I shall be calling soon on the Protocol Section of the MFA to discuss the procedures and arrangements connected with the new Ambassador's arrival, presentation of credentials etc.

2. Meantime, it may be helpful to know that the MFA have recently informed foreign missions that it will not be possible for new Ambassadors to present their credentials between 19 December and 19 February 1980. This reflects the traditional mid-summer break in Argentina.

1) Mr Malcanssen first

2) Mr Longley

A R Murray  
(Head of Chancery)

On the basis of para 2, Mr Williams phoned  

defer his arrival in BA from late Jan to  
mid-Feb. He can discuss this with Mr Murray.
HEADS OF MISSION SECTION

APPOINTMENTS

MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER:

10.00 a.m. Mr R Williams, CRE 5, Department of Trade (with Mr J M Edes) Room 302 1 Victoria Street
(215 3592)

11.00 a.m. Mr J M Crosby, Asst/Head, Near East and North African Department W 76A
(233 603)

p.m. Keep free **********

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Mr J R Cowling, South America Dept. K 274
(233 4077)

12.45 p.m. Lunch: Mr J M Edwards, Managing Director, British Steel Corp. 33 Grosvenor Place
SW1
(235 1212) (letter attached)

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WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER:

Visit Cambridge: Dr Laws, Director, British Antarctic Survey (0223 61188) (with Mr R M Hunt) (Mr Davies, SAD, 233 3386)

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER:

10.30 a.m. Photographs, News Department W 21
Mr Rennie: 233 8618

11.30 a.m. Mr J C Moberly, AUSS W 38
(233 4111)

1.00 p.m. Lunch: M A J Hunter, Personnel Services CG 406
Department (233 5862)

3.00 p.m. Mr B S T Eastwood, POD (re Buenos Aires) CG 113
(233 6067)

4.00 p.m. Mr R Anderson and Mr D Adamson, Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence Room 6255
(218 3056)
Main Building
Richmond Terrace Entrance

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER:

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### MONDAY, 7 JANUARY 1980:

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<td>Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General, British Council (930 8466)</td>
<td>10 Spring Gardens SW1</td>
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<td>DMSI(0), Ministry of Defence (detailed programme attached) (218 2148)</td>
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### TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY:
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10.00 a.m. Mr I S Winchester, Security Department (273 3253) M 408

11.45 a.m. Mr Cox, Commercial Director, Export Group for the Constructional Industries (222 0323) 3 Dean Trench Street Smith Square SW1

12.45 p.m. Lunch: Mr Herbert-Jones, International Affairs Director, CBI (930 6711 Ext 56) 21 Tothill Street SW1

3.00 p.m. Mr A G Munro, Personnel Operations Department (233 3087) CG 011

3.30 p.m. Miss J D Robertson, Personnel Operations Department (233 3094) CG 320

4.15 p.m. Sir Peter Carey, Department of Industry (212 7004) Ashdown House 123 Victoria Street

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WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY:

10.00 a.m. Sir Ronald Ellis, Head of Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence
Room 0219
Main Building
Richmond Terrace Entrance
(218 3248)

11.00 a.m. Mr M J F Duncan, Research Department
G 83/3
then Mr L J Middleton, Head of
G 6/3
Research Dept.
(233 4068)

12 noon Colonel Whiter, Personnel Operations
Department
E 316
(233 5865)

12.45 p.m. Lunch: Mr J M Ritchie, External Affairs Director, British Caledonian
Lockets Restaurant
(668 9311) (letter attached)
Marsham Court
Marsham Street
SW1

3.00 p.m. Mr W Knighton, DS and Miss M J Lackey
Mr M J Treble, CRE 3, Department of
AS &
Trade
Room 601A
1 Victoria Street
(215 3042)
SW1

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THURSDAY, 10 JANUARY:
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[10.05 a.m.  Train from Victoria to East Croyden]

10.30 a.m. Mr G L Scullard, Accommodation and Services Department
            (686 5622 Ext 4489)

12.45 for  Lunch: Mr R J Assheton, Chairman,
1.00 p.m. RTZ Borax (letter attached)
          (834 9070 Ext 272)

3.00 p.m. FUS
          (233 5136)

3.30 p.m. Mr R Hood, Acting Chairman of Latin America Committee, Standing Conference on Refugees, + 6 others

4.15 p.m. Mr A H K Slater, Nationalised Industries Overseas Group
          (828 4661)

5.00 p.m. Mr Nicholas Ridley, MP
          (233 5284)

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FRIDAY, 11 JANUARY:
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10.00 a.m. Mr D J Samuel, Shell Int. (934 2345) Shell Centre SE1

11.30 a.m. Chief Inspector, Mr R M Russell (233 5087) CG 712A

12.45 p.m. Lunch: Mr R H G Edmonds, Kleinwort Benson Ltd (623 8000) 20 Fenchurch Street EC3

3.00 p.m. Mr R A Huskisson, Chairman, Lloyds Register of Shipping (709 9166) 71 Fenchurch Street EC3

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/MONDAY, 14 JANUARY:
MONDAY, 14 JANUARY:

11.15 a.m. International Military Services Ltd
Mr Martin
(222 8090)

4 Abbey Orchard Street
Sw1

12.30 p.m. Talks and lunch: British Consultants
Bureau (Mr J A Stevens)
(222 3651)

1-7 Artillery Row
Ground Floor
Westminster Palace Gardens
Sw1

2.45 p.m. Sir Henry Marking, Chairman,
Mr J Lickorish, Dir-General
and Mr Pricketts, British Tourist
Authority (629 9191 Ext 2)

Queen's House
6 Ch St James's Street
Sw1

4.00 p.m. Mr N Kelly, COI
(928 2345 Ext 8100)

Hercules Road
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/TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY:
TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY:

British Aerospace car to collect at Wimbledon(?)

Spend a.m. with British Aerospace
(details later)

BAe car back to SW1

12.45 for Lunch: Canning House
  1.00 p.m. (Mr S MacKenzie)
            (235 2303)

2.45 p.m. Chief Clerk, Sir Edward Youde
          (233 5106)

3.30 p.m. Lord Limerick, Chairman, British
          Overseas Trade Bureau
          (215 5741)

5.00 p.m. Mr R Gregson, BBC
          (240 3456)

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WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY:
WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY:

10.00 a.m. Admiral Sir A Griffin, Chairman, British Shipbuilders (589 3488) 243 Knightsbridge SW7 (corner of Trevor Place)

11.30 a.m. Mr R C Lisser 8 Palmer Street

12.30 p.m. Car in FCO courtyard
Lunch: FUSD

3.00 p.m. Mr C C Lucas, Under Secretary, Department of Energy (211 5439 or 4364) Thames House South Millbank SW1

4.30 p.m. Mr C Parkinson, Department of Trade (215 5144) 1 Victoria Street SW1

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THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY:
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10.00 a.m.  Mr R B Roache, Plessey Co Ltd  
            (478 3040)  Heads of Mission Section

11.00 a.m.  Mr R M Hunt, Governor-designate,  
            Falkland Islands  
            (0990 25563)  Heads of Mission Section

12 noon  Lunch: Dr D S Mitchell, Rolls Royce  
          (222 9020)  65 Buckingham Gate  
                        SW1

                      Rolls Royce car available after lunch

3.30 p.m.  Miss F I J Harvey, Economists Depart-  
            ment  
            (233 3906)  6 G 2/G

4.30 p.m.  Lady Emmet  
            (details attached)  House of Lords  
                        (Peers Entrance)

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FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY:
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?10.00 a.m. Mr M F Bremner, ECGD
   Aldermanbury House
   (606 6699 Ext 7511)
   Aldermanbury Square, EC2

11.30 a.m. London Chamber of Commerce
   (Mr J M Worsley)
   69 Cannon Street
   (248 4444 Ext 334)
   EC4

1.00 p.m. Lunch: Mr G Huntrods, Lloyds Bank International
   40 Queen Victoria Street
   (248 9822)
   EC4

3.00 p.m. Mr G Frost, Committee on Invisible Exports
   7th Floor
   (628 3161)
   Stock Exchange Building
   EC2

4.00 p.m. Mr K J Ball, Barclays Bank Int.
   54 Lombard Street
   (626 5656 Ext 3084)
   6th Floor
   EC3

4.45 p.m. Mr G L Walkden, Assistant General Manager, Midland Bank Int.
   60 Gracechurch Street
   (606 9944 Ext 5359)
   EC3

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Dear Gordon

CALLS BY HM AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE

1. Please refer to your letter of 29 November to Hugh Carless.

2. The list of calls for Mr Williams already seems quite comprehensive. However, you might like to consider a few additions:-

   a) Human rights bodies in London (although this group may have been deliberately omitted from your list).

   b) Bankers: Barclays, Midland, Schroder Wagg.

   c) Industry: ICI and Unilever.

Yours ever,

Andrews

A R Murray
(Head of Chancery)
A.J. Williams, Esq., CMG,  
H.M. Ambassador to the Republic of Argentina,  
Heads of Missions Department,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,  
King Charles Street,  
London S.W.1.

7th December 1979.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am delighted that the Governments of the U.K. and Argentina have now agreed to exchange Ambassadors, and that the British Government has had the wisdom to appoint you as Ambassador in Argentina, a country in which you have, I believe, served previously.

We have a 40% interest in Ostrilion SACeI, until recently wholly owned by us and our predecessors, John Summers & Co. Ltd., who established the company in 1908. The new majority shareholders are Argentinians with whom we get on well and the management have continued. The company’s President and Managing Director, Mr. Eric G. Campbell, O.B.E., is Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce.

The BSC is also interested in steel exports to Argentina, technical expertise for the Argentine iron and steel industry and (through Redpath Dorman Long) in offshore oil exploration and exploitation platforms.

Would you be able to lunch with us here on Tuesday, 18th December? It would give us an opportunity to talk about Argentina and also to thank you for all that you and your staff in Tripoli have done to help and support our people involved in the Misurata project.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Edwards

J.M. Edwards
Tom

Miss Waugh (109) rang to say the list for Mr. Williams' calls is too long. Could you give her a ring on 5172 and tell her which are the 20 or so most important calls he should make.
HM AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE: ARGENTINA

1. Heads of Mission Section will shortly be preparing a programme of calls for Mr Williams (who will be coming to the Office on Monday, 17 December).

2. I submit a list (cleared with the Department of Trade/Research Department). A copy has been sent to Buenos Aires for comment.

J R Cowling
South America Department
30 November 1979
K 274 233 4077
Our dealings with ECAC are minimal. But suitable names have been added. Mr. / Ms. has visited RA / Head and might do so again. The Committee is a part of life and he was Ambassador and be aware of them.

J.R. Comment

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HM AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE, ARGENTINA: CALLS

FCO Minister - The Hon Nicholas Ridley MP  
PS/Mr Temple Tel 233 5275

Minister of Trade - Mr Cecil Parkinson MP  
Tel: 215 5144

Officials

Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Industry (visited Argentina in August)  
Tel: 212 7004

Miss Lackey, Under Secretary, Department of Trade  
Tel: 215 5343

Mr D N Royce, Under Secretary, Overseas Project Group, Department of Trade  
Tel: 211 5701

Mr C C Lucas, Under Secretary, Department of Energy  
Tel: 211 6701

Mr K W Cotterill CMG  
Under Secretary, ECGD  
Tel: 606 6699 Ext 202

Mr M A Cowdy, Assistant Secretary, Aid and Export Finance Division, Treasury  
Tel: 233 5015

Mr J Macgillivray, Bank of England  
Tel: 601 4444

Adm. Staveley, C in C (fleet) Northwood  
Northwood 26161

Mr R M Hunt, Governor-designate, Falkland Islands  
c/o Heads of Mission Section

Sir Ronald Ellis, Head of Defence Sales  
Tel: 218 3054

/Mr Roger Harding ...
Mr Roger Harding, MOD
Defence Sales
Tel: 632 3467

Mr K Wilkes, Assistant Secretary, MAFF (participated in Falklands negotiations)
Tel: 216 6085

Organisations

Lord Limerick, Chairman
British Overseas Trade Bureau (also Director of Kleinwort Benson)
Tel: 215 5741
Sir Francis Sandilands, Chairman, Committee on Invisible Exports, (also Chairman Commercial Union Assurance)

J M Worsley, London Chamber of Commerce

Mr Stephen MacKenzie, Director-General, Canning House

Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General, British Council

Professor D C M Platt, Professor of the History of Latin America and Director of Centre of Latin American Studies, St Antony's College Oxford,

Has been in touch with the University about more contact between academics and diplomats.

Dr Harold Blakemore
Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London

Dr Laws, Director, British Antarctic Survey

Air Commodore Frow
Falkland Islands Committee

Banks

Guy Huntrods, Director Lloyds Bank International (also Chairman of Latin American Trade Advisory Group - LATAG)
Sir Peter Hope, Director, Lazard Brothers Co Ltd

Mr Allen Greenwood, Deputy Chairman, British Aerospace

Mr H Jackson, President, British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association (BEAMA)
Tel 222 9020

Sir John Buckley, Chairman, Davy International

Mr Keith Newlands, British Steel Corporation

F W Edwards, Deputy Chairman, Humphreys and Glasgow (also on LATAG Committee)

Sir Antony Griffin, Chairman, British Shipbuilders

Tel 588 2830
Major financiers

Tel 588 2721
Major financiers

Tel 623 8000

Tel 974 55 22
In running for supply of advance jet trainer (Hawk)

Tel 437 0678
Holding seminar in Argentina in June 1980

Tel 637 2821
Recently acquired full ownership of American Company McKee in Argentina. Have signed letter of intent for supply of major Sidensa, state owned steelworks project

Tel 235 1212
Supplier of steel. Also have interest in local companies

Tel 828 1234
Traditional trading company with Argentina. No major business being pursued at present

Tel 589 3488
Maintain interest in Argentine market although losing contract to supply 6 frigates to Argentine Navy in mid 1978. British companies in running to supply ancillary equipment for frigates
J H Higgs, Managing Director, Boving and Co Ltd

Lord Nelson, Chairman, GEC

Dr Mitchell, Commercial Director, Rolls Royce

Mr J D A Evans, British National Oil Corporation

Mr D C Samuel, Regional Co-ordinator Western Hemisphere, Shell

Tel 839 2401
Have pre qualified for supply of turbine (£24m) for Yacyretá hydroelectric scheme

(Contact Mr Druce, Regional Manager tel 493 8484)
Various power projects.
Recently unsuccessful in bid to supply turbines for Atucha II nuclear power project

(Contact Miss Mitchell VIP Liaison Officer tel 222 9020)
Military and Civil contracts

Tel 839 7080
Offshore interests

Tel 934 4664
Awarded offshore area for exploration
MR A J WILLIAMS CMG
HM AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Mr Williams will be available for
briefing and consultation between 7 and 18 January 1980
before taking up his new appointment in Buenos Aires.
Any officers wishing to see him should get in touch
with Pauline Waugh, Heads of Mission Section, Foreign
and Commonwealth Office, telephone No. 233 5172.

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30 November 1979

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SR BLANCO'S CALL ON MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER

1. You agreed to take advantage of this call to raise two matters informally: the case of Mrs Butcher trying to get to the Falklands and Mr Kleiber, an Argentine with passport problems whose case has been taken up by the General Administrator of Covent Garden.

2. Perhaps due to our tactical forewarning the Argentine Embassy that you intended mentioning these cases to Sr Blanco, there is progress to report. In fact I no longer see any need for you to initiate discussion. If Blanco does so it would be appropriate to thank him for the Embassy's help.

3. Mrs Butcher (Island born) has a South African passport and is at present staying with relatives in this country. She wishes to visit the Falklands to see other relatives. The Argentine Consul told her on 2 November that as a "South African" she would need a visa to transit Argentina. They referred her application to Buenos Aires. Only yesterday we heard that some form of travel document will be provided to enable Mrs Butcher to transit Argentina.

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return to Argentina to renew his passport. You have now submitted a draft letter in this sense for the Private Secretary to send to the General Administrator, Covent Garden. There is nothing more we can do.

30 November 1979

J R Cowling
South America Department
CALLS BY HM AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE

1. We are drawing up a list of calls which Anthony Williams might make before taking up his appointment. I enclose a copy. Grateful to know fairly quickly if you have any additions to suggest.

G A Duggan
South America Department
FM FCU 2810002 NOVEMBER 79
TO IMMEDIATE TRIPOLI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 299 OF 28 NOVEMBER
INFO ROUTINE ROME
INFO ROUTINE HOLY SEE (ROME PLEASE PASS)
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEAD OF SAND.
YOUR TELNO. 283.

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SET OUT BACKGROUND TO BEAGLE
   DISPUTE.

2. IN 1977, A BRITISH-APPOINTED INTERNATIONAL COURT OF
   ARBITRATION AWARDED TO CHILE THREE DISPUTED ISLANDS AT THE
   NORTH-EASTERN END OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL SOUTH OF TIERFA DEL
   FUEGO. ARGENTINA REJECTED THE AWARD AS 'NULL AND VOID'. IN
   LATE 1978 ARGENTINA CAME CLOSE TO TAKING MILITARY ACTION UNTIL
   A PEACE INITIATIVE BY THE VATICAN LED TO A REQUEST FROM CHILE
   AND ARGENTINA THAT THE HOLY SEE SHOULD ACT AS A MEDIATOR TO HELP
   RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED MEANWHILE NOT TO
   RESORT TO FORCE AND TO REDUCE THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE
   AREA. THE MEDIATION PROCESS IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY WITH BOTH
   SIDES PRODUCING EVIDENCE. THE ARGENTINES HOPE THAT MEDIATION
   WILL PRODUCE A POLITICAL SOLUTION RATHER THAN ONE BASED ON LEGAL
   ARGUMENTS.

3. THE DANGER OF CONFLICT HAS RECeded BUT THE TWO SIDES ARE
   NO NEARER AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND THE
   VATICAN'S TASK IS BOTH DIFFICULT AND DELICATE. THE TWO COUNTRIES
   REMAIN IN DEADLOCK ALSO OVER THE CONSEQUENTIAL EFFECTS ON THEIR
   COMMON MARITIME BOUNDARIES. CHILE IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE OVER
   MARITIME LIMITS AND ZONES BUT NOT OVER TERRITORY TO WHICH SHE
   CONSIDERS SHE HAS AN ESTABLISHED LEGAL RIGHT. ARGENTINA HAS BEEN
   INSISTING ON SOME TERRITORIAL CONCESSION.

4. IN TALKING TO THE VATICAN YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT OUR
   INVOLVEMENT, AS ARBITRATORS, HAS ENDED. WE HOPE THAT THE

CONFIDENTIAL

/VATICAN MEDIATION
VALENCIAN MEDIATION WILL SUCCEED. BUT ARE THERE GROUNDS FOR
OPTIMISM? CAN THE VALENCIAN FORECAST HOW LONG MEDIATION WILL
LAST?

5. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC ARGENTINE ISSUES TO RAISE WITH THE
ITALIANS. BUT GIVEN THE PARTICULARLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN
ITALY/ARGENTINA IT MAY BE WORTH ASKING THEM HOW THEY READ THE
INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION. WE SEE LITTLE SIGN OF MOVEMENT
TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC RULE (ONCE A PROSPECT FOR 1981 AFTER PRESIDENT
VIDELA'S RETIREMENT). WE ALSO SEE RISK OF INCREASING GUERRILLA
ACTIVITY WITH TERRORISTS SEEKING TO DESTABILISE A GOVERNMENT
INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY ITS INABILITY TO BRING DOWN INFLATION
(CURRENTLY AT 140 PER CENT) AND COPE WITH MOUNTING PRESSURES
FROM THE PERONIST LABOUR MOVEMENT.

6. OUR RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA HAVE IN RECENT YEARS BEEN
SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED BY HER HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. (THE JUNTA
ADMIT TO HAVING KILLED 8,000 IN THE WAR AGAINST 'SUBVERSION';
A FURTHER 15,000 OR SO HAVE 'DISAPPEARED', THE MAJORITY OF WHOM
ARE BELIEVED TO BE DEAD; AND SOME ESTIMATE THAT A FURTHER
500,000 ARGENTINES ARE NOW LIVING IN EXILE.) HOW DO THE
ITALIANS VIEW THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR IN THE
LIGHT OF THE POPE'S REMARKS OF 28 OCTOBER ABOUT 'THE DRAMA OF
THE LOST OR THE DISAPPEARED'. (PLEASE ASK CALLAHAN (HOLY SEE) TO
SHOW YOU APPROPRIATE CORRESPONDENCE.)

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MR HARDING
1. FOR HEAD OF SOUTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT FROM A J WILLIAMS. MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE HAS NOW KINDLY ARRANGED FOR ME TO SEE MGR SILVESTRINI WITH CARDINAL SAMORE'S ASSISTANT ON THE ARGENTINE-CHILEAN QUESTION, MGR FAUSTINO SAENZ, AT 11.30 ON 5 DECEMBER. SINCE I CANNOT BY THEN HAVE GOTT ORAL BRIEFING FROM YOU ON THE SUBJECT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF I COULD HAVE A SHORT BACKGROUND (AND, IF NECESSARY, SPEAKING) BRIEF ON THE VATICAN'S ROLE IN THE QUESTION. THIS CAN SCARECENLY BE GOTT TO ME HERE BEFORE I LEAVE TRIPOLI ON 30 NOVEMBER, BUT COULD PERHAPS BE AVAILABLE AT THE LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE BEFORE MY INTERVIEW ON 5 DECEMBER?

2. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS HINTED THAT THE FARNESINA MAY ALSO ASK TO SEE ME. DO YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO SAY?

WILLIAMS
AMBASSADORS

1. It may be of interest to have on record a report of the press reaction to the official announcement about the exchange of Ambassadors.

2. As indicated in our telnos 365 and 366, the details of the announcement had in fact emerged some days before its official release. (The MFA admitted to some embarrassment over these disclosures.) Some of the impact was inevitably lost, therefore. Nonetheless, the subject was widely covered in the press of 17 November. Most reports concentrated on the curricula vitae of the new Ambassadors and on the history of the downgrading of relations four years ago. Since Ambassadors were withdrawn as a result of differences over the Falklands, there is a common assumption that their restoration reflects, or at least promises, progress on the issue. I attach a copy of the Buenos Aires Herald's remarks on the subject.

R. Murray

A R Murray
(Head of Chancery)
The spirit of the law, previously described by CUTA, a branch of camouflaged CGT, as an "aberration", is democratic and fair-minded. Union power, and the casual way in which union leaders have used it, is a major obstacle in the path to democracy and almost everybody except the union brass is conscious of it. Many other governments in the world are confronting a similar problem and will no doubt be watching this experiment with considerable interest. There is certainly nothing inherently anti-labour about it, although it will no doubt be denounced by many outsiders as outright union bashing.

At long last Argentina and Great Britain are on the point of raising their relations to ambassadorial level once again. The Argentine envoy to the Court of Saint James will be the former ambassador to the United Nations, Carlos Ortiz de Rozas, who has had his eye on this diplomatic plum for a long time. Britain's man in Buenos Aires is to be Anthony Williams, who should find it a pleasant change from Tripoli where he is currently stationed. Libya, it is worth remembering, was the other end of the great Third World-dominating axis conceived by that geopolitical genius José López Rega. Indeed, for a time large portraits of the mad Colonel Muammar Ghaddafi graced the walls of a downtown Buenos Aires bank in homage to the special relationship the two countries were supposed to be about to enjoy.

The obvious choice to be ambassador here was, of course, the present Chargé d'affaires Hugh Carless, but he was turned down because he was not thought to be quite as snooty as Ortiz de Rozas, a curious notion considering he was once chief of the Latin American section of the Foreign Office and chose the difficult Buenos Aires posting because he thought it mattered, not because it was a rung up on the diplomatic ladder.

The restoration of full relations reflects the progress being made in the Malvinas/Falklands negotiations. Despite strenuous denials, it would seem that the British have written the islands off and would like nothing more than to see them absorbed by the Argentine mainland. The principal barrier, and it is a formidable one, to this is the fact that the islanders dislike the idea of being ruled from Buenos Aires, an understandable point of view given the record of Argentine governments over the last half century or so. But even the islanders, isolated as they are, know which way the wind is blowing and sensible behaviour by the Argentine authorities, plus a permanent absence of xenophobic chest-thumping on the part of nationalist lobbies, would reconcile those who would remain to their unwanted but inevitable fate and would induce the irreconcilable to leave. Life for English-speaking Anglo-Saxons and Celts — provided they are not leftists or, sometimes, well-off businessmen — under the Argentine flag is not as bad as is generally thought in Port Stanley, but getting this message through is proving very difficult.

If all Argentine leaders were as friendly towards Britain and the British people as General Suárez Mason the problem would be solved in no time. When decorating the departing military attaché Colonel Ben Herbert Bradbrook, Suárez Mason said Britain, thanks to "its balanced exercise of democracy and its correct position on the problems afflicting the free world, has the qualities to make it the nation that interprets and leads the way of life of the Western peoples." Already, he said, "the pioneering British spirit had left civilizing trails the length and breadth of the farflung seas, forging a history marked by great achievements that laid the cultural bases on which the world's people evolved." He also paid tribute to the Briton's excellent judgement, iron willpower, and permanent aplomb, and expressed his admiration for the sceptered isle's "strength and silence in adversity, magnanimousness and greatness in triumph." His stirring words were not, needless to say, reproduced by Crónica, which prefers to see Britain as a nest of pirates and nothing more.

B.A. HERALD 18.11.79
London, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 22 Nov 1949

The importance of Mr. Hugh Carless in the diplomatic service of the United Kingdom is widely acknowledged. His experience, particularly in the Far East, has prepared him well for the position of ambassador. The rank of ambassador, a post he held until 1977, is a highly prestigious one.

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Ambassadors Again

The announcement that Britain and Argentina will once again exchange ambassadors came as no surprise, although when we forecast a delay of six months last July, we did not expect to be so correct. We thought it would all take longer. After all the intrigue, Dr. Carlos Ortiz de Rozas will go to London. He entered the Foreign Ministry in 1948, until he was declared redundant by the Liberating Revolution in April 1956. He was re-employed by President Frondizi and became first secretary at the United Nations Embassy, and has, as well, wide experience of inter-ministerial tasks, including use of the diplomatic bag and reform of the Foreign Service Law. He served in the Argentine embassy in Britain in 1965, later moving to Austria, and in 1970 returned to the United Nations mission with the rank of ambassador, a post he held until 1977. He is a many-sided person who has fulfilled such varied official functions as Civil ADC to the Duke of Edinburgh during his 1962 visit, and delegate to the U.N. Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space. His knowledge of Argentine Third World policy makes him an interesting choice for London, where he is already well known.

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perly here. To go from Cambodia as ambassador to Rome as minister was a form of promotion, if a sideways promotion, from hard labour to civilisation. His rank was the same. It does not imply any degree of downgrading. If this misunderstanding is based on ignorance, rather than ill-will, it seems surprising that the present Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Hugh Garless, was not regarded as of suitably high rank to become ambassador to Argentina. He is eminently suited to the post, and possibly, the change in the diplomatic situation is due as much to his efforts as to external influences. He got to know— if he did not know already, which is likely—more about local music and painting than any of his predecessors who can easily be thought of, and took a lively and positive interest in them. He held ambassadorial rank, and would have made an admirable and formidable knowledgeable head of mission. It is no detriment to his successor to say that his departure is a matter of great regret to all who knew him. And to go further, in our view, he has been extremely unfairly treated. People in the official service are used to this, and no doubt he takes it with his usual philosophic caution. He will employ his very considerable talents somewhere else, instead of here. But a tribute should be paid to what he did and what he was trying to do.
1. I shall shortly be sending out the usual circular saying that Mr. Williams, ....will be available for briefing and consultation before he takes up his new duties in Buenos Aires. I should be grateful if you would let me have, through your Head of Department and AUSS, a note of any firms and other outside organisations (with particular names and telephone numbers where appropriate) on whom you think he should call, so that these may be included in his programme. I should be grateful if you would consider not only organisations that would naturally come to mind in the context of the bilateral relationship between the UK and Argentina, but also organisations with global, or relevant regional or functional interests.

2. We already have a drill in Heads of Mission Section under which certain organisations, such as the Bank of England and the CBI, are automatically notified of the appointment of a new Head of Mission and his availability for consultation. We also automatically inform the appropriate CDE Division of the Department of Trade (you will no doubt wish to consult them), and we consult the Overseas Labour Adviser about whether the TUC would be interested in seeing the Head of Mission. But we cannot rely on all the organisations we notify invariably to recognise when it would be in the national interest for them to be visited by a Head of Mission, and we should much rather you duplicated the name of a body already on our list, than run the risk of our overlooking an organisation the Head of Mission ought to see.

3. Would you please also say which FCO and other Ministers, if any, the new Head of Mission ought if possible to call on.

4. The Administration consider it important that Heads of Mission should be as fully briefed as time allows before they take up their appointments. If a new Head of Mission indicated to you or your Head of Department that he wanted his briefing kept to the minimum, or that he intended to arrange his briefing on his own, we should be grateful if you would ask him first to get in touch with the Chief Clerk or Head of Personnel Operations Department.

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