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May 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR Lawrence Eagleburger  
Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
The Department of State

Mark Leland  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
The Department of the Treasury

Fred Iklé  
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy  
The Department of Defense

Lawrence Brady  
Assistant Secretary for Trade Administration  
The Department of Commerce

William Schneider  
Associate Director for National Security  
and International Affairs  
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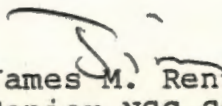
John McMahon  
Executive Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Kenneth Adelman  
United States Deputy Representative  
to the United Nations

General Paul Gorman  
Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Draft NSDD on South Atlantic Crisis

I would appreciate your reviewing the attached draft National Security Decision Directive which reflects the Presidential actions taken during the April 30 NSC on the South Atlantic crisis. I will appreciate receiving by phone whatever language modifications you feel required by no later than noon on Friday, May 7. Once you have reviewed and concurred with the draft, it will be finalized for Presidential signature.

  
James M. Rentschler  
Senior NSC Staff Member  
for Western Europe and Canada

Attachment:

Draft NSDD

Review on 5/ 3/88

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Draft NSDD on South Atlantic Crisis

Your memorandum to Bremer (Tab I) is a follow-up to the Bremer-Clark of May 7 and requests precise language State prefers.

RECOMMENDATION:

OK                      NO

—                      —                      That you sign the memo to Bremer at Tab I.

Attachment:

Tab I                      Wheeler Memo to Bremer  
Tab II                      Bremer-Clark of 7 May

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: NSDD on South Atlantic

Further to your memorandum of May 7 concerning a draft NSDD on the South Atlantic, we appreciate your detailed comments and in the interest of the greatest possible precision would appreciate receiving (by no later than close of business Monday, May 10) the State Department's preferred language for the entire draft.

Michael O. Wheeler  
Staff Secretary

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- Issuance of an NSC-approved press statement which summarizes the U.S. position in the South Atlantic crisis, is supportive of the UK position and includes the announcement of concrete steps underscoring U.S. determination not to condone the use of unlawful force to resolve disputes.
- The suspension of all military exports to Argentina. This action covers deliveries of all items remaining in the FMS pipeline, primarily affecting spare parts in the amount of \$3.9 million; it also covers the suspension of existing licenses for export of Munitions List items to Argentina and the withholding of further export licenses for such items. This suspension will affect non-government as well as government end-uses in Argentina, thereby reaching a category not covered by the Humphrey-Kennedy Amendment or the subsequent legislation.

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- The withholding of certification of Argentine eligibility for military sales and export licenses under section 725(b) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981.
- The withholding of non-Munitions List export license requests for dual-use and related COCOM-type items.
- The withholding of new Export-Import Bank credits, insurance and guarantees.
- The withholding of new Commodity Credit Corporation guarantees (which affects agricultural products worth approximately \$2 million).
- A private warning to Argentina that the measures announced do not encompass the full range of economic sanctions which the U.S. has at its disposal and which could be applied depending on circumstances.
- The withholding of any required U.S. consent for third-country transfers of U.S. origin items the export of which from the U.S. would not be approved under the above decisions. (Note: Withholding of consent for transfer of FMS origin items sold to third countries is compelled by existing law.)



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May 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL WHEELER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NSDD in the South Atlantic

With reference to your May 10 memorandum requesting the Department's preferred language for the entire draft of the proposed NSDD, our preferred version for such a draft was attached to the detailed comments sent to you May 7. Please let me know if this does not take care of your request.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 19, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR BUD MCFARLANE

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER/DENNIS BLAIR/ROGER FONTAINE

SUBJECT: Contingency Planning for the Next 24 Hours  
in the Falklands

Attached as you requested are our collective judgments concerning the issues you have raised vis-à-vis the South Atlantic crisis, cast in the form of a contingency paper. Note that, to a certain extent, we have reorganized your list of questions to provide a more organically cohesive look at the likely play-out of events and the stance we should take toward them.

Tab A Contingency Issues Paper

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June 2, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD MCFARLANE

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR

SUBJECT: Letter Re San Marino View on Falkland Island Situation

Attached for your signature is a reply to Mr. Reffi, Foreign Minister of San Marino. Reffi's letter to the President calls on the U.S. to work for a peaceful solution on the Falkland Island situation, and your reply on behalf of the President says we are trying. Al Sapia-Bosch concurs. *ASB.*

RECOMMENDATION:

OK

NO

—                    —      That you sign the letter to Reffi at Tab I.

Tab I      Letter to Reffi  
          A - Incoming Letter



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you very much for your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the views of the government of the Republic of San Marino on the situation in the South Atlantic. President Reagan shares your concerns on the importance of terminating the conflict and bringing about a peaceful resolution of the differences between Argentina and the United Kingdom based on UN Security Council Resolution 502.

We look to the international community to support peace efforts which we hope will bear fruit in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Robert C. McFarlane  
Deputy Assistant to the  
President for National  
Security Affairs

The Honorable  
Giordano Bruno Reffi  
Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Political Affairs  
of the Republic of San Marino  
San Marino



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Telegram from

Giordano Bruno Reffi  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
Republic of San Marino

April 14, 1982

His Excellency  
Ronald Reagan  
President of the  
United States of America  
Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the Captains Regent of the Government of the Republic of San Marino and my own, I would like to convey to Your Excellency the profound concern of the people of San Marino over the serious tension between Argentina and Great Britain following Argentina's military occupation of the Falklands. The Government of the Republic of San Marino considers of particularly decisive importance the generous role of mediator assumed by Your Excellency and the Government of the United States of America and fervently hopes that this mediation will soon be crowned with complete success in the peaceful solution of the dispute and in the interest of world peace.

Cordially,

Giordano Bruno Reffi  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of San Marino



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Office of The Press Secretary

REMARKS OF  
JUDGE WILLIAM P. CLARK  
TO THE  
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS

June 21, 1982

9:15 A.M. EDT  
(Provided Tape)

JUDGE CLARK: It's with great pleasure that I welcome this most distinguished group to Washington on the occasion of the Council of The Americas Thirteenth Conference in this city.

Sam, I'm glad that you've changed the rules from every other year to maybe every year, particularly right now as we encounter unanticipated difficulties to the south.

The gathering is not only important for your organization but also for our friends in the Hemisphere, and certainly to this Administration.

I'll be brief, as I must. We have a meeting, as you are aware, with Mr. Begin, which begins momentarily. Tomorrow, with President Monge from Costa Rica, and it's going to be a very busy week, much of it affecting and being affected by, I must say, the work of this organization.

The United States, of course, joins you in welcoming the end of the hostilities, the combat in the South Atlantic, and I assure you that we do stand ready to resolve the conflict between Great Britain and Argentina. We fervently hope that the cease-fire that we're now viewing will ~~hope~~ and that an enduring peace will be established.

In that connection, last night, the President invited Mrs. Thatcher to stop by while she is in New York at the Disarmament Conference. She's coming in at the end of the day, Wednesday, to discuss this very issue. We stand ready to help, and no doubt will continue to assist the reconciliation that must occur.

It has really troubled us, and particularly the President, that two old friends, two old allies, have found it necessary to spill blood, particularly in the case of Argentina. Because the President was most proud of the relations that were developing in the first year-and-a-half between this Administration on the one hand and Argentina on the other. A great effort had gone out on our part, as it had on the part of the Government and the people of Argentina, to perhaps remedy some of the problems that had existed over the last six years between our two countries. And we saw real progress on the one hand. On the other we look upon the conflict and the aftermath as being only a temporary interruption in those relations, political, commercial, economic.

We firmly believe that the period ahead should be used wisely to build upon and strengthen those ties between not only Argentina and the United States but all countries, all hemispheric neighbors.

We will be working in the days and the weeks to come to set an additional foundation, as we must. President Reagan has said that one of his highest priorities in the Administration -- and he's repeated it numerous times -- is to improve our hemispheric relations. This is a goal that we intend to continue to pursue.

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No one can suggest that we have not evidenced this, as may be seen in our strong positions and actions toward the marxist insurgency in El Salvador, which of course resulted in elections, a democratic process never anticipated by our detractors and not even by some of our friends.

Of course, the Caribbean Basin initiative, which you'll hear more about, while in some difficulty on the Hill, we have not relaxed in that rather comprehensive program, and again we ask for your assistance there.

As you pursue your deliberations, I would ask that you keep our initiatives in mind. You offered to be helpful at the end of last month when members of your Board came into the White House to offer to help in every possible way. It was at that time that we set up a special liaison between you and the White House in addition to your communication with the State Department toward accelerating our programs to increase our relations, better our relations, particularly now in light of the South Atlantic conflict.

You might say that the President is now calling that chip, and asked me to say so to you this morning. So, again, I thank you for that great assistance and thank you for your good thinking, and now your good doing as we watch your progress over the two-day period. Alfonso Sapia-Bosch, our representative from the National Security Council, will be with you and reporting back to me and to the President on your activities as well as offering to assist you logistically and any other way that we might.

So, again, thank you very much. (Applause.)

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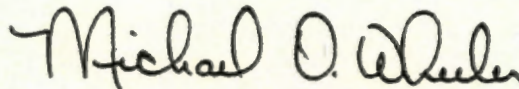
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 2050648  
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June 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN H. STANFORD  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Foreign Travel Request

In response to your memorandum of June 9, this is to advise you that the proposed travel of Jack R. Borsting, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), to Portugal and Switzerland, July 8 - 14, 1982, is approved.



Michael O. Wheeler  
Staff Secretary

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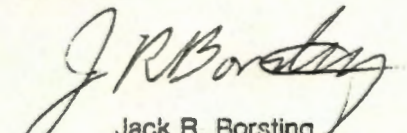
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Foreign Travel

During July I plan on attending an Administrative Committee meeting of the International Federation of Operations Research Societies (I am the Treasurer), along with the EURO V Congress on Operations Research and the XXV Meeting of the Institute of Management Sciences, which are being held concurrently at Lausanne, Switzerland, from 12-14 ~~June~~ July 1982.

I also have been invited by Admiral T. F. Dedman, Commander, IBERLANT, Lisbon, Portugal, to stop by enroute to Switzerland to receive an orientation on the command and some of the unique problems and challenges they have there. I can accommodate this by departing Thursday evening, 8 July, and spending Friday and Saturday working with the IBERLANT people.

I will be the only participant on the trip and do not anticipate dealing with any foreign officials.

  
Jack R. Borsting  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Comptroller)

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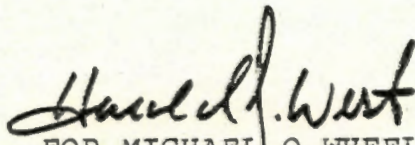
FOREIGN TRAVEL

SUBJ: NOTIFICATION OF FORN TRAVEL BY BORSTING DURING 8 - 14 JUL

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July 15, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

*S. P. ...*

Subject: Food Assistance for Argentine Prisoners of War

Attached is a draft response to a June 16 letter to you from Wilton Dillon, requesting that we offer food assistance to Argentine prisoners of war.

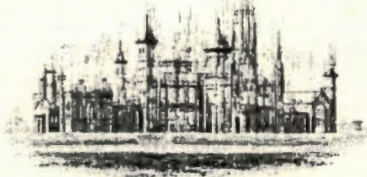
*L. Paul Bremer, III*  
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Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft letter.
2. Incoming correspondence.

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June 16, 1982

The Hon. William P. Clark  
National Security Council  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Clark,

I am writing to inquire whether we are offering both the Argentines and the British some help in feeding the POW's in the Falklands/Malvinas. As an anthropologist much interested in gift exchange and the symbolism of gifts, I am reassured by Argentine citizens in Washington that we might benefit a little in a humanitarian gesture toward the POW's which would help all sides. Indeed, apart from the political implications, we would most be helping the Argentine soldiers maintain their health while returning home to resume more peaceful pursuits.

A former Roman Catholic priest at the Smithsonian thinks that the Catholic Relief Services might also be interested in this opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

*Wilton Dillon*

Wilton S. Dillon  
Director  
Smithsonian Symposia and Seminars

PS The enclosures may be of interest to you; the senior author of the Foreign Policy article, Dr. William D. Davidson, strongly supports the view that we offer food to the POW's.



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 20, 1982

Dear Mr. Dillon:

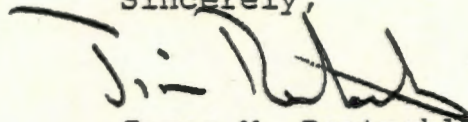
Judge Clark greatly appreciated your letter of June 16 concerning the conflict in the South Atlantic and has asked me to provide you with the following information.

When British forces on the Falklands took an unexpectedly large number of Argentine prisoners, we shared your concern regarding their humanitarian needs. We made clear that we were prepared to respond affirmatively to requests for assistance.

Now that the prisoner repatriation effort is almost completed, a relief effort by the U.S. does not appear necessary. We have no reports that the smaller number of remaining prisoners lack food or medical assistance.

Thank you for sharing your suggestions with us and for forwarding a copy of the Foreign Policy article by Messrs. Davidson and Montville.

Sincerely,



James M. Rentschler

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon  
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