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SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC CRISIS: MAY 27, PRESS BRIEFING

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING OF
MAY 27. DEAN FISCHER WAS THE BRIEFER.

Q: THE FALKLANDS. YOU GOT ANYTHING YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE?

A: AS I MENTIONED, THE SECRETARY IS SPEAKING TO THE OAS
MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: HE'S GOING THERE JUST TO MAKE HIS SPEECH BUT NOT TO
LISTEN TO ANYBODY ELSE?

A: NO. I THINK HE'S ALREADY GONE, OR, IF NOT, HE WILL BE
THERE SHORTLY. HE WILL BE LISTENING TO OTHER SPEAKERS
PRIOR TO HIS OWN. I BELIEVE HE'S FIFTH IN LINE.

Q: I THINK THE FIRST SPEAKER IS THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN
MINISTER. HE WILL BE THERE IN TIME TO LISTEN TO HIM AS
WELL?

A: I CAN'T ABSOLUTELY CONFIRM THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS
THAT HE WAS TO HAVE LEFT SHORTLY, IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY

DONE SO.

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Q: DID HE HAVE ANY MEETING PLANNED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ARGENTINA?

A: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY PLANS FOR A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS POINT.

Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SATISFIED ITSELF ON THE ECUADOREAN AIRPLANE THAT HAD MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON IT?

A: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE LICENSE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ISSUED.

Q: BY WHOM HAS THE LICENSE BEEN APPLIED FOR?

A: I PRESUME BY ECUADOR. I HAVEN'T REALLY LOOKED INTO THIS.

Q: DEAN, THERE WAS A QUESTION ALSO, NOT SIMPLY --

A: IT'S ECUATORIANA AIRCRAFT, OR AIR COMPANY.

Q: THERE WAS A QUESTION ALSO, PART FROM THE ABSENCE OF A LICENSE, OF THE MANIFEST BEING DECEPTIVELY LABELED AS AIRCRAFT PARTS. DO YOU HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THAT'S BEEN RESOLVED? IS THAT AGAINST THE LAW; IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE LOOKING INTO?

A: IT'S SOMETHING THAT OBVIOUSLY WE'RE LOOKING INTO, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD INDICATE THE CARGO WAS INTENDED FOR ANY ULTIMATE DESTINATION OTHER THAN ECUADOR. I DO NOT HAVE ANY DETAILS ON WHAT THE CARGO CONTAINS.

LET ME ADD ONE OTHER THING ON THE QUESTION ABOUT THE ECUADOREANS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE SHIPMENT WAS INTENDED FOR ARGENTINA AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR HAS STATED THAT NONE OF THE CARGO OF THE DETAINED PLANE WAS INTENDED FOR MILITARY USE OUTSIDE OF ECUADOR.

Q: RELATED TO THAT, DO YOU KNOW WHETHER IT IS TRUE, AS REPORTED, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOW SENDING SIDE-WINDER MISSILES TO BRITAIN?

A: AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NOT COMMENTED UPON ANY OF THE

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SPECULATIVE STORIES ABOUT THE KIND AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT BE OFFERING BRITAIN.

Q: WHEN THE SECRETARY SAID WEEKS BACK THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING MATERIEL, THAT WOULD BE A LARGE ENOUGH UMBRELLA TO PUT SOME SIDEWINDER MISSILES UNDER IT?

A: AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THE SPECULATIVE STORIES ABOUT THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND SPECULATED ABOUT.

Q: THE STORY DIDN'T SEEM VERY SPECULATIVE AS WRITTEN.

A: BUT I HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON IT.

Q: FOLLOWING ON THAT, TWO NIGHTS AGO ABC'S NIGHTLINE REPORTED FROM BUENOS AIRES THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN ASSURED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROVIDE NO OFFENSIVE MILITARY WEAPONRY SUCH AS MISSILES TO BRITAIN. CAN YOU CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT ENDERS DID, INDEED, PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCE?

A: NO, I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT BEFORE.

Q: THERE IS A REPORT THAT THERE'S SOME U.S. GENERAL ON THE QE II.

A. THAT IS INCORRECT. I BELIEVE THE --

Q: HE'S LEFT OVER FROM A CRUISE. (LAUGHTER.)

A: I BELIEVE THE REPORTS REFERRED TO A GENERAL JEREMIAS MOORE, AND WE'VE CHECKED WITH THE PENTAGON ON THESE REPORTS AND, AFTER HAVING CHECKED THEIR SERVICE RECORDS, THEY FIND NO ONE LISTED WITH THAT NAME OR ANYONE REMOTELY SIMILAR. I HAVE NO OTHER DETAILS OTHER THAN TO SUGGEST THAT IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW UP YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH THE PENTAGON.

Q: HAS THE UNITED STATES BEEN CONSULTING WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO THIS OAS MEETING AND SEEKING GUARANTEES-THAT THEY WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY SANCTIONS THAT ARGENTINA MAY TRY TO INVOLVE?

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A: WE, OF COURSE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES EVER SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN.
I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC COMMENT TO OFFER YOU ON THE
NATURE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVEN ARGENTINA ASSURANCES
THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PROVIDE GREAT BRITAIN
WITH OFFENSIVE WEAPONS?

A: AGAIN, IT FALLS INTO THE CATEGORY OF THE SUBJECTS
THAT I'M JUST NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS. WE MADE IT CLEAR,
THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY REPEATEDLY, THAT THERE
WILL BE NO DIRECT U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE
CONFLICT.

Q: DOES THAT RULE OUT A REPORTED BRITISH REQUEST FOR
AN AWACS TO FLY OVER THE SOUTH ATLANTIC?

A: IT CERTAINLY WOULD.

Q: HAS SUCH A REQUEST BEEN MADE?

A: AGAIN, I'M UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

Q: THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION THAT SOME ALLIES IN LATIN
AMERICA OR ARGENTINA MIGHT UNDERTAKE, NOT NECESSARILY
THROUGH THE OAS OR THROUGH THE TIAK, BUT ON THEIR OWN,
CERTAIN KINDS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE BRITISH
SUCH AS FREEZING ASSETS EN MASSE, NOT REPAYING DEBT TO
BRITISH BANKS AND SO FORTH. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
REACTION TO THAT IF IT'S NOT DONE IN SOME OFFICIAL WAY
THROUGH THE OAS IF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES CHOOSE TO DO THAT?
IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD HAVE A PUBLIC PROBLEM
WITH?

A: I REALLY CAN'T SPECULATE ON THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
OUR RESPONSE WOULD BE IF IT WERE UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE THE
AUSPICES OF THE OAS.

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