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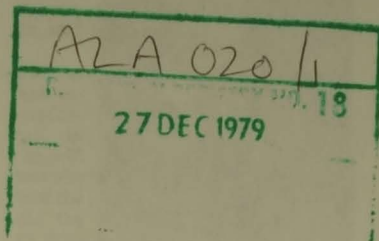
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 December 1979

H M Carless Esq CMG
BUENOS AIRES



Dear Hugh,

ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR

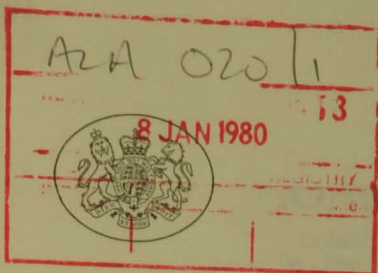
1. I was interested to see from Andrew Murray's letter of 23 November to Heads of Mission Section that it would not be possible for new Ambassadors to present their credentials until after 19 February. I have discussed this with Anthony Williams and agreed that he should now defer his arrival in Buenos 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*

P R Fearn
South America Dept.

cc
A J Beamish Esq
POD

Miss M W Walker
Heads of Mission Section
POD



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

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BA HERALD

27.12.79

Ortiz de Rozas leaves soon

CONDITIONS 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 115,000 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.

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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.

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19 December 1979

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South America Department

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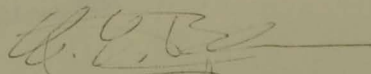
London, 13th December, 1979

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



J.R. Cowling
S.A.M.

With the compliments of

PROTOCOL AND CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT

(Stanley Martin)

Two copies Attached were sent to Mr. Iglesias (Argentin Charge). Grateful to know if

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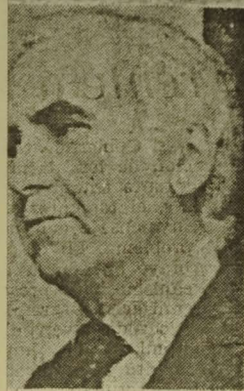
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Las relaciones con Gran Bretaña

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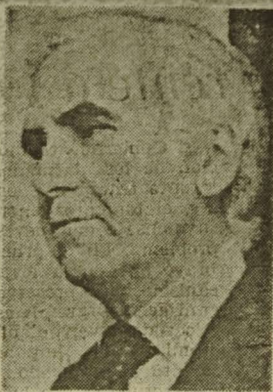
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Los gobiernos de la Argentina y Gran Bretaña anunciaron ayer conjuntamente la designación de sus respectivos embajadores en Londres y Buenos Aires, restableciendo así sus vínculos diplomáticos en ese nivel interrumpidos desde el 13 de enero de 1976. Según el comunicado conjunto, Carlos Ortiz de Rozas será el embajador argentino ante el gobierno británico, y Anthony James Williams desempeñará igual misión en Buenos Aires.

El comunicado

El texto del comunicado conjunto, que normaliza las relaciones entre ambos países, expresa: "El Gobierno ha concedido el placet de estilo para la designación del señor Anthony James Williams C. M. G., como embajador de Su Majestad Británica en la República Argentina.

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"De esta manera, se normalizan las relaciones entre ambos países, que estuvieron a cargo de los respectivos encargados de negocios ad interim desde enero de 1976".

Las relaciones argentino-británicas estaban en nivel de encargados de negocios desde el 13 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 Misión Shackleton.

Esta misión, anunciada por el ministro James Callaghan, tuvo como objetivo realizar un relevamiento socioeconómico de las islas, ubicadas a más de 600 kilómetros al este de Río Gallegos, sobre el océano Atlántico. El entonces canciller argentino, Dr. Manuel Arauz Castex, mantuvo contacto epistolar con Callaghan, recurriendo a todos los mecanismos diplomáticos habituales para evitar el envío de la misión inglesa a aguas territoriales argentinas.

Ante el fracaso de las gestiones, Arauz Castex convocó al embajador Ashe, y le manifestó "que sería aconsejable que el gobierno británico retire su embajador en la República Argentina". A la vez, dispuso que nuestro embajador en Londres, doctor Manuel de Anchorena, quien se encontraba en Bue-

nos Aires desde hacía algún tiempo, no retornara a su sede diplomática. En un comunicado posterior, Arauz 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".

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También fue representante argentino ante las Naciones Unidas (1970-1977) y ante el Consejo de Seguridad del mismo organismo internacional (1970-1972), y jefe de la delegación argentina ante el Comité Especial de Operaciones para el Mantenimiento de la Paz.

El embajador británico

Anthony James Williams, de 56 años de edad, desempeñó entre sus múltiples funciones diplomáticas anteriores el primer secretariado de la embajada británica en Buenos Aires, entre 1958 y 1961, año en que pasó al Foreign Office (Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de su país). También fue consejero de la embajada en Moscú y embajador en Phnom Penh y Trípoli.

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Integrantes del grupo agresor que lograron evitar las consecuencias del tiro y de la explosión, se dirigieron hacia un automóvil Peugeot 504, de color rojo, estacionado en las inmediaciones. Algunas versiones indicaron que fue sequestrada por la fuerza una pareja que transitaba por el lugar, y que, con ella los agresores huyeron por Carlos Pellegrini hacia la zona de Retiro.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

23 November 1979

Miss M W Walker
Heads of Mission Section
POD
FCO

Mr. Williams

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.

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Mr. Duffan
2) Mr. Courtney

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Does attached
include post's
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A R Murray
(Head of Chancery)

On the basis of para 2, Mr Williams should
defer his arrival in BA from late Jan. to
mid-February. He can discuss this with him tomorrow.

Mr. Team.

Mr Williams's appointments
from 17- 21 December
Barbara Wang 1412

CG - Curtis Green Building
K - King Charles Street
W - Downing Street West

MR A J WILLIAMS CMG 5172

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) (215 3592)	Room 302 1 Victoria Street
11.00 a.m.	Mr J M Crosby, Asst/Head, Near East and North African Department (233 603)	W 76A
p.m.	Keep free	

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER:

11.00 a.m.	Mr J R Cowling, South America Dept. (233 4077)	K 274
12.45 p.m.	Lunch: Mr J M Edwards, Managing Director, British Steel Corp. (235 1212) (letter attached)	33 Grosvenor Place SW1

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 Mr Rennie: 233 8618	W 21
11.30 a.m.	Mr J C Moberly, AUSS (233 4111)	W 38
1.00 p.m.	Lunch: M A J Hunter, Personnel Services Department (233 5862)	CG 406
3.00 p.m.	Mr B S T Eastwood, POD (re Buenos Aires) (233 6067)	CG 113
4.00 p.m.	Mr R Anderson and Mr D Adamson, Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence (218 3056)	Room 6255 Main Building Richmond Terrace Entrance

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER:

Mr. Fearn
Mr Williams appointments
to date. *Rhonda Naugh* 14/12
K - King Charles Street

READS OF MISSION SECTION

MR J R WILLIAMS CMG

APPOINTMENTS

MONDAY, 7 JANUARY 1980:

10.30 a.m.	Mr P R Fearn, South America Department (233 3774)	K 267
11.30 a.m.	Mr G W Harding, AUSS (233 5043)	K 236
12.30 p.m.	Car from Grindlays Bank Ltd in FCO courtyard (main door)	
	Lunch: Mr Nigel Robson, Chairman and Mr A J O Ritchie, Vice-Chairman, Grindlays Bank (626 0545)	23 Fenchurch Street EC3
	Car back to SW1	
3.00 p.m.	Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General, British Council (930 8466)	10 Spring Gardens SW1
4.15 p.m.	DMSI(O), Ministry of Defence (detailed programme attached) (218 2148)	Horse Guards Avenue Entrance

/TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY:

CG - Curtis Green Building

M - Matthew Parker Street

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TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY:

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

/WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY:

E - Downing Street East

G - Great George Street

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WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY:

10.00 a.m.	Sir Ronald Ellis, Head of Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence (218 3248)	Room 0219 Main Building Richmond Terrace Entrance
11.00 a.m.	Mr M J F Duncan, Research Department then Mr L J Middleton, Head of Research Dept. (233 4068)	G 83/3 G 6/3
12 noon	Colonel Whiter, Personnel Operations Department (233 5865)	E 316
12.45 p.m.	Lunch: Mr J M Ritchie, External Affairs Director, British Caledonian (668 9311) (letter attached)	Locketts Restaurant Marsham Court Marsham Street SW1
3.00 p.m.	Mr W Knighton, DS and Miss M J Lackey AS & Mr M J Treble, CRE 3, Department of Trade (215 3042)	Room 601A 1 Victoria Street SW1

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)	Apollo House 36 Wellesley Road Croyden CR9 3RR (map attached)
12.45 for 1.00 p.m.	Lunch: Mr R J Assheton, Chairman, RTZ Borax (letter attached) (834 9070 Ext 272)	Borax House Carlisle Place SW1
3.00 p.m.	PUS (233 5136)	W 15
3.30 p.m.	Mr R Hood, Acting Chairman of Latin America Committee, Standing Conference on Refugees, + 6 others	FCO
4.15 p.m.	Mr A H K Slater, Nationalised Industries Overseas Group (828 4661)	Heads of Mission Section
5.00 p.m.	Mr Nicholas Ridley, MP (233 5284)	W 57

/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

/MONDAY, 14 JANUARY:

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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 64 St James's Street SW1
4.00 p.m.	Mr N Kelly, COI (928 2345 Ext 8100)	Hercules Road SE1

/TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY:

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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 1.00 p.m.	Lunch: Canning House (Mr S MacKenzie) (235 2303)	2 Belgrave Square SW1
2.45 p.m.	Chief Clerk, Sir Edward Youde (233 5106)	CG 110
3.30 p.m.	Lord Limerick, Chairman, British Overseas Trade Bureau (215 5741)	Department of Trade 1 Victoria Street
5.00 p.m.	Mr R Gregson, BBC (240 3456)	Bush House 2nd Floor Reception Centre Block Strand, WC2

/WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY:

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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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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 P I J Harvey, Economists Department (233.3906)	G 2/G
4.30 p.m.	Lady Emmet (details attached)	House of Lords (Peers Entrance)

FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY:

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10.00 a.m.	Mr M F Bremner, ECGD (606 6699 Ext 7511)	Aldermanbury House Aldermanbury Square, EC2
11.30 a.m.	London Chamber of Commerce (Mr J M Worsley) (248 4444 Ext 334)	69 Cannon Street EC4
1.00 p.m.	Lunch: Mr G Huntrods, Lloyds Bank International (248 9822)	40 Queen Victoria Street EC4
3.00 p.m.	Mr G Frost, Committee on Invisible Exports (628 3161)	7th Floor Stock Exchange Building EC2
4.00 p.m.	Mr K J Ball, Barclays Bank Int. (626 5656 Ext 3084)	54 Lombard Street 6th Floor EC3
4.45 p.m.	Mr G L Walkden, Assistant General Manager, Midland Bank Int. (606 9944 Ext 5359)	60 Gracechurch Street EC3

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7 December 1979

G A Duggan Esq
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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,

Andrew

A R Murray
(Head of Chancery)

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British Steel Corporation (International) Ltd.
33 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7JG
Telephone 01-235 1212 Telex 916061

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C.C.S.A.D.

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.

Agreed. M 10/12

7th December 1979.

Mr. Lowing Is this
something I should accept
ple? - Paul Wagon
x/xu/22

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 (POD) rang
to say the list for Mr.
Williams' calls is too
long. Could you give
her a ring on 5172
& tell her which are
the 20 or so most
important calls he
should make.

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We have already asked
for cables for comments
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Mr Duggan
Mr Fearn
Mr Harding

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Malcolm

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

J R Cowling
South America Department
K 274 233 4077

30 November 1979

Mr Duffan

Mr Cowling Minutes

Is there any reason for omitting Treasury & ECSD officials from the list? Presumably

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the f.i.c cannot be added despite

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can wish to play down
their role?

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M. Duggan 3/12

M. Fear 3/12

Our dealings with ECAR/Tony
are minimal. But suitable names
have been added. From has visited
RA/Islands and might do so
again. The Committee is a part of
life and the new Ambassador
should be aware of them.

yes
3/12

JR 3/12

3/12

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 G J Macgillivray,] *L. E. G. Bank* Tel: 601 4444
Bank of England

✓ 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 . . .

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Mr Roger Harding, MOD
Defence Sales

Tel: 632 3467

Mr K Wilkes, Assistant
Secretary, MAFF (partic-
ipated 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)

Tel 283 7500

J M Worsley, London
Chamber of Commerce

Tel 248 4444

✓ Mr Stephen MacKenzie,
Director-General, Canning
House

Tel 235 2303

✓ Sir John Llewellyn, Director
General, British Council

Tel 930 8466 Ext 2052
(PA Miss Hack)

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,

Tel 0865 59651 (College)
084 43206 (Home)

Office in touch with the [PUS] Has been
more contact between academics
and diplomats.

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

Tel 387 5671

✓ Dr Laws, Director, British
Antarctic Survey

Tel 0223 61188

Air Commodore Frow
Falkland Islands Committee

Tel: 222 0028

Banks

✓ Guy Huntrods, Director
Lloyds Bank International
(also Chairman of Latin
American Trade Advisory
Group - LATAG)

Tel 248 9822
(Branches in Argentina)

[Christopher McAlpine CMG]
Director, Baring Bros Ltd

Bill Black

Tel 588 2830
Major financiers

Sir Peter Hope, Director,
Lazard Brothers Co Ltd

Tel 588 2721
Major financiers

✓ *Robert Edmunds*
Robert Benson
Industry

Tel 623 8000

or Eric Rumblyman
Mr Allen Greenwood, Deputy
Chairman, British
Aerospace

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

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

Tel 437 0678
Holding seminar in Argentina
in June 1980

Sir John Buckley,
Chairman, Davy
International

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

Mr Keith Newlands,
British Steel Corporation

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

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

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

✓ *Adm.* Sir Antony Griffin,
Chairman, British
Shipbuilders

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

Tel 839 2401

Have pre qualified for supply
of turbine (£24m) for
Yacyreta hydroelectric scheme

Lord Nelson, Chairman, GEC

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

✓ Dr Mitchell, Commercial
Director, Rolls Royce

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

Mr J D A Evans, British
National Oil Corporation

Tel 839 7080
Offshore interests

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

Tel 934 4664
Awarded offshore area for
exploration

PW

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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4. Why Mrs Butcher should have caused the Argentines a problem is not clear. They may have been deliberately difficult since in their eyes Mrs Butcher should regard herself as an Argentine subject! This is the first case of this nature to come to our attention in the past 12 months. Existing arrangements (background note attached) both for Islanders and non-residents appear to have been working well.

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6. Sr Kleiber's case is rather different. Our enquiries of the Argentine Embassy have now revealed that as a naturalised subject the regulations oblige him to

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Mr Fearn ✓

*Thank you. Neither of these
has cases in fact came up.*

JP

SR BLANCO'S CALL ON MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER

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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 Sr Kleiber, an Argentine with passport problems whose case has been taken up by the General Administrator of Covent Garden.

2. Perhaps due to our tactic² of 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.

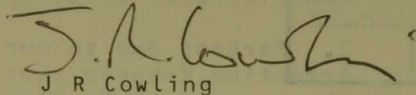
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return to Argentina to renew his passport. You have now submitted a draft letter in this sense for the Private Secretary to send to the General Administrator, Covent Garden. There is nothing more we can do.


J R Cowling
South America Department

30 November 1979



Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH

Telephone 01- 233 4970

Your reference

H M Carless Esq CMG
BUENOS AIRES

Our reference

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My dear Hugh

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.

Yours ever

G A Duggan

G A Duggan
South America Department

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TO IMMEDIATE TRIPOLI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 299 OF 28 NOVEMBER
INFO ROUTINE ROME
INFO ROUTINE HOLY SEE (ROME PLEASE PASS)
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEAD OF SAMD.
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 TIERRA 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

VATICAN MEDIATION WILL SUCCEED. BUT ARE THERE GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM? CAN THE VATICAN 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 PERCEIVE 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 CALLAN (HOLY SEE) TO SHOW YOU APPROPRIATE CORRESPONDENCE.)

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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 SILVESTRI 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 GOT 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 SCARECELY BE GOT 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

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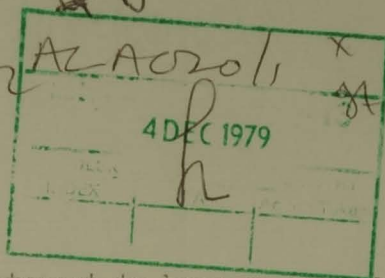
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22 November 1979

J R Cowling Esq
SAMD
FCO

Dear Ray,

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.

To Duggan

ours ever,

Andrew

A R Murray
(Head of Chancery)

X-above: Oliveri hopes
for one opposed restoration
of Ambassadors on the grounds
that no Falklands program had
been made. Ortiz de Rozas aims
to be to see that some is made!

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The spirit of the law, previously described by CUTA, a kind 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 homa-

ge 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 Carlless, 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 le-

ave. 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

Roy Costing

"REVIEW OF THE
RIVER PLATE"



With the compliments of

CHANCERY

Andrew Murray

BRITISH EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES

Ref my letter 400/3

22/Nov

London.
Ministry
declared
berating
He was
nt Fron-
ecretary
mbassy,
e. expe-
al tasks,
plomatic
Foreign
d in the
ritain in
Austria,
to the
with the

perly here. To go from Cam-
bodia as ambassador to Rome
as minister was a form of
promotion, if a sideways pro-
motion, 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 pres-
ent Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Hugh
Carless, 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 admi-
rable and formidably knowled-
geable 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 considera-
ble talents somewhere else,
instead of here. But a tribute
should be paid to what he did
and what he was trying to do.

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 Com-
mittee on the Peaceful Use of
Outer Space. His knowledge of
Argentine Third World policy
make him an interesting choice
for London, where he is already
well known.

Mr. Anthony James Williams
C.M.G. who will be coming to
Buenos Aires in January, en-
tered the diplomatic service in
1945, after war service. In 1946
he went to Prague as third
secretary, and moved to Monte-
video three years later. After a
spell at home, he went to Cairo
in 1954, New York in 1956 and
Buenos Aires in 1958, as First
Secretary in all three posts.
After service in Geneva and
Moscow, he became Amba-
sador in Cambodia in 1970,
Minister in Rome in 1973 and
Ambassador in Libya in 1977,
from which post he comes here.

It is a distinguished and varied
career, and makes a point that
has not been understood pro-

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"REVIEW OF THE
RIVER PLATE"

BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA

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 make him an interesting choice for London, where he is already well known.

Mr. Anthony James Williams C.M.G. who will be coming to Buenos Aires in January, entered the diplomatic service in 1945, after war service. In 1946 he went to Prague as third secretary, and moved to Montevideo three years later. After a spell at home, he went to Cairo in 1954, New York in 1956 and Buenos Aires in 1958, as First Secretary in all three posts. After service in Geneva and Moscow, he became Ambassador in Cambodia in 1970, Minister in Rome in 1973 and Ambassador in Libya in 1977, from which post he comes here.

It is a distinguished and varied career, and makes a point that has not been understood pro-

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 Carless, 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 formidably 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.

Mr J R Cowling, S Am D

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SIR/MR A J WILLIAMS CMG

AMBASSADOR/~~HIGH COMMISSIONER~~ DESIGNATE TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

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 CRE Division of the Department of Trade (you will no
doubt wish to consult them ~~well in advance~~), 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 (~~copy attached~~), 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.

in Waugh.

Inner attached a list. This has been
sent to both Head of Dept and AUSS

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14 November....1979

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