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1. PLEASE ASK THE SWISS TO CONVEY URGENTLY TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM HMG:-

BEGINS

IN ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, HMG MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS MEASURE WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE UK TO TAKE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE NEEDED IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. IN THIS CONNECTION, HMG NOW WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ANY APPROACH ON THE PART OF ARGENTINE WARSHIPS, INCLUDING SUBMARINES, NAVAL AUXILIARIES, OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD AMOUNT TO A THREAT TO INTERFERE WITH THE MISSION OF BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WILL ENCOUNTER THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. ALL ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT INCLUDING CIVIL AIRCRAFT ENGAGING IN SURVEILLANCE OF THESE BRITISH FORCES WILL BE REGARDED AS HOSTILE AND ARE LIABLE TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

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2. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT HMG REGARD THE TERMS OF THIS COMMUNICATION AS HAVING IMMEDIATE EFFECT. PLEASE REPORT WHEN THE SWISS HAVE DELIVERED THE COMMUNICATION TO THE ARGENTINES. WE SHALL THEREAFTER CONSIDER WHETHER TO ANNOUNCE IT PUBLICLY AND TO DELIVER IT MORE WIDELY VIA THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL.

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