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FALKLAND ISLANDS

A HAM RADIO OPERATOR IN ATLANTA (MR COOPER MORRIS) PICKED UP A RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE FALKLANDS AT 1410Z TODAY (3 APRIL). THE MESSAGE CAME FROM A HENRY MACLEOD ON EAST FALKLAND, NEAR STANLEY. HE GAVE HIS CALL SIGN AS VICTOR PAPA 8 HOTEL ALPHA. THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED ON 21317 KHZ. MACLEOD ASKED THAT HIS MESSAGE BE RELAYED TO THIS EMBASSY. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINS

THE ARGENTINE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT URGING PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. ISLAND BLOCKADED. ARGENTINE TROOPS HAVE CONTROL OF AIRPORT. THREE REPORTED DEAD, 100 HUNDRED INJURED.

LIGHT FIGHTING OUTSIDE STANLEY AND CAPE PEMBROKE. GUNBOATS PATROLLING ISLAND MOSTLY CONCENTRATING EAST OF STANLEY. RUMOURS ABOUND.

SEVERAL FOREIGN FAMILIES TRYING TO GET OFF ISLAND. THEY ARE AT EMBASSY AND NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE FAMILIES.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT URGING PEOPLE TO STAY IN HOME, LISTEN TO RADIO, NOT TO TRAVEL, DON'T MESS WITH TROOPS. NOT ALL ARGENTINE TROOPS APPEAR TO BE MARINES.

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2. THE ATLANTA RADIO HAM HOPES TO HEAR AGAIN FROM MACLEOD AT 040900Z. THE U S PRESS ARE ALREADY ONTO MORRIS TO GET THE TEXT OF ANYTHING HE PICKS UP (HE'S APPARENTLY WELL KNOWN LOCALLY AS A RADIO HAM).

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