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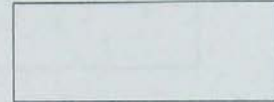
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ARGENTINA-UK: Disappointing Diplomatic Progress

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[Redacted] Buenos Aires is encountering difficulty in gaining diplomatic backing for its position in the crisis.// [Redacted]

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Prime Minister Thatcher indicated yesterday that the British considered the South Georgias a separate possession from the Falkland Islands. Few, if any, Argentine forces are believed to be on the South Georgia Islands. British forces probably could occupy them at any time, but London may be awaiting the results of the latest negotiations before deciding to act.// [Redacted]

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1. US Proposals - A number of influential Argentine newspapers reported today that the civilian/military working group in Buenos Aires studying the proposal declined "unanimously" that it is "unacceptable". Other Argentine media play the same theme. Speaking in Parliament today, British PM Thatcher praised Secretary Field's efforts, but accused Argentina of "intimidation", adding "the way to peace is in the hands of the Argentine government".

2. Situation in Argentina - Thatcher expects that Argentina's military government of the Falklands last night ordered a fleet of four destroyers and frigates to the islands, saying a British attack would come "at any moment". The Junta also issued a communique asking for calm, despite scattered threats that there have been no incidents of anti-British violence and only a low level of anti-British rhetoric.

3. US Situation - High-level members of the Argentine military have indicated an intention to support the GOC will do everything possible to see to the "total" evacuation of the Falklands and express advice that the island's prime "US" establishments of the "total" evacuation area on Friday. The Argentine also mentioned themselves to holding control of the island.

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British Domestic Support

//London moved yesterday to brace the public for the possible outbreak of fighting. The announcement of the increased readiness of the task force and Thatcher's visit to the naval command center emphasized the government's preparedness for military action. Recent polls have shown increased public approval of the government's performance in the crisis as well as improved Tory standing in relation to other parties.//

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Comment: //The moves yesterday probably will reinforce the government's position. Unless there is a breakthrough in negotiations, however, Thatcher will be expected to follow through by taking South Georgia or by extending control of the approaches to the Falklands within several days.//

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