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ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. ROYAL MARINES DISPOSITION WILL BE MADE NEAR EXPECTED LANDING BEACH AND WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO CONTAIN LANDING AND TO DEFEND THE AIRPORT.
2. FIDF WILL ROUND UP ARGENTINES IN STANLEY BEFORE DAWN TOMORROW AND BRING THEM TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR SAFE-KEEPING. THEY WILL THEN DEPLOY AT PROBABLE HELICOPTER LANDING SITES.
3. MARINES WILL FALL BACK TO OUTSKIRTS OF STANLEY BUT WILL NOT FIGHT IN STANLEY. SURVIVAL PARTY WILL TAKE OFF TO THE HILLS AS ARGENTINE FORCES REACH STANLEY. I SHALL REMAIN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
4. I SHOULD LIKE ADVICE ON WHETHER I INFORM CIVILIAN POPULATION BEFOREHAND. IF I DO, LOCAL ARGENTINES WILL DOUBTLESS INFORM TASK FORCE BEFORE WE CAN ROUND THEM UP. IF I DO NOT, AND WE HAVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, I SHALL DOUBTLESS BE HELD TO ACCOUNT.

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