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Mr Fearn

BRITISH ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF GENERAL BELGRANO

1. Mr Maclay, UKMIS New York phoned early this morning to ask whether any steps were being taken by the British Task Force to help survivors of the General Belgrano. He thought he had seen a Reuter report saying something to this effect.
2. If we were helping in any way he thought this would be good propaganda to feed in before a meeting of the Non-Aligned Coordinating Bureau which was scheduled for this morning in New York.
3. After consulting the MOD, we telephoned Mr Maclay to say that our public line was that we were doing nothing to help the rescue operation. MOD did tell us that in fact the Task Force ships had been told not to interfere with Argentine and other ships involved in rescue operations but they did not want this to become generally known.

*Maclay*

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- cc: Emergency Unit Dist  
 Mr Gillman  
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