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INFO FLASH PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR) , MODUK (NAVY)  
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73 YOUR TELNO 73 : SOUTH GEORGIA

1. I FEAR THAT EVENTS OVER THE NIGHT REINFORCE THE GROWING IMPRESSION THAT COSTA MENDEZ HAS BEEN LESS THAN HONEST WITH ME AND THAT, IN FACT, THE ARGENTINES HAVE BEEN PLAYING US ALONG.
  
2. INSTEAD OF SUMMONING ME, AS AGREED, AFTER THE CINC'S MEETING LAST NIGHT, COSTA MENDEZ APPARENTLY WENT DELIBERATELY TO THE MFA PRESS ROOM AT ABOUT 10 PM NOT ONLY TO ANNOUNCE THAT A FIRM DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO GIVE THE MEN ON SOUTH GEORGIA ALL NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION BUT TO ADD QUOTE NOR IS THIS DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION ONLY, SINCE THERE IS ALSO A NAVY SHIP, CALLED BAHIA PARAISO IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY PROTECTION UNQUOTE.
  
3. NOW, AT 1030 AM LOCAL TIME HE HAS STILL NOT SUMMONED ME AND I AM ACCORDINGLY REQUESTING AN URGENT INTERVIEW MYSELF. I SHALL ASK HIM VERY SERIOUSLY FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE ABOVE AND WHAT HE HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE BAHIA PARAISO AND WILL REPORT WHAT TRANSPIRES.

WILLIAMS  
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