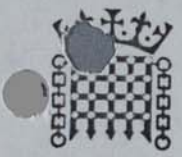


DRAFT WARNING TO BE ISSUED BY MOD PRESS SPOKESMAN

(0100 4th MAY).

~~The~~ British Forces today have suffered heavy attack from Argentine Forces and a serious loss has been sustained.

The British Government has issued repeated warnings to the Argentine about the consequences of interfering with the mission of our forces in the South Atlantic. By its hostile acts the Argentine Government has shown complete disregard for these warnings. <sup>we</sup> ~~Let us~~ repeat that the protection of our ships and men is our overriding concern. The Argentine must now be prepared for the consequences of their actions.



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The Argentine Govt. persists  
in ignoring the warnings given  
by HMG and it must follow  
that British forces cannot be  
expected to hold back so as  
to expose our Fleet to further attack.

In particular, it is  
emphasised that unless the Argentine  
Carrier "The 25<sup>th</sup> May" immediately  
withdraws to the North of  
Parallels it will be liable  
to attack.

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