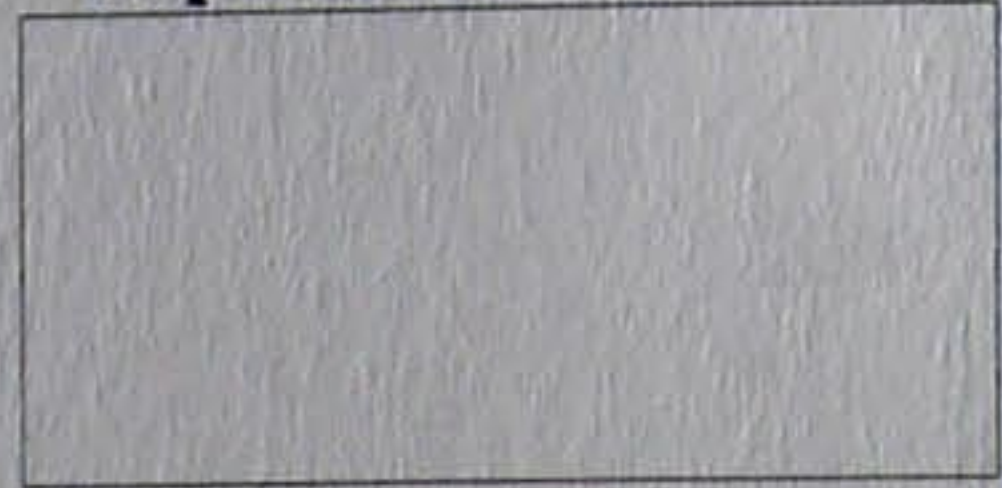




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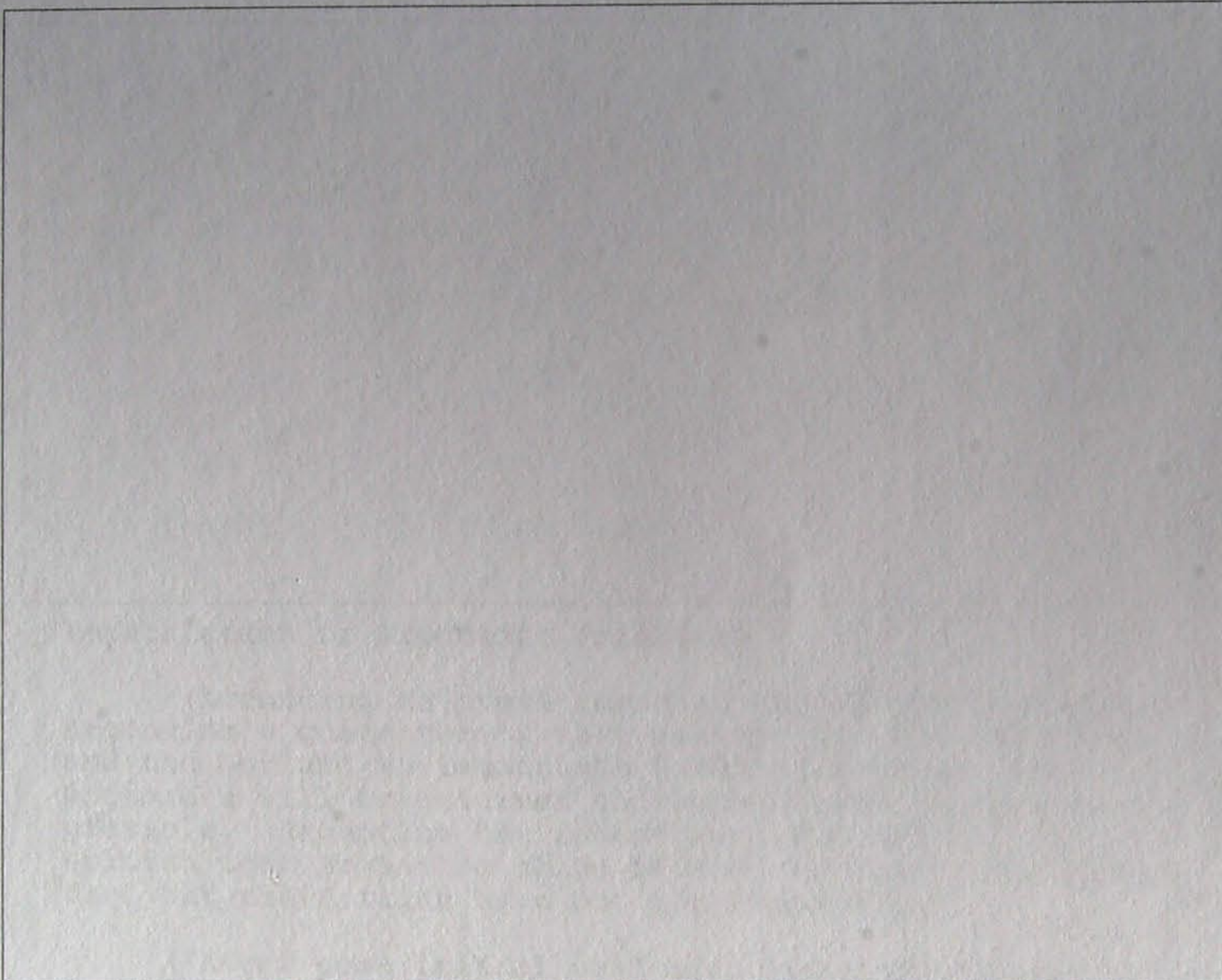
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ARGENTINA-UK: Diplomatic Hard Line

(Information as of 2300 EDT)



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[redacted] Buenos Aires has decided to return to a hard line in order to deflect internal criticism resulting from the surrender. Argentina also may believe that acceptance of British terms will jeopardize its case for UN intervention and supervision of a solution to the crisis.// [redacted]

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//For domestic political reasons, Prime Minister Thatcher would be reluctant to turn to the UN too soon following the cessation of hostilities. [redacted]

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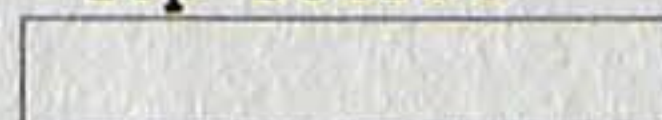
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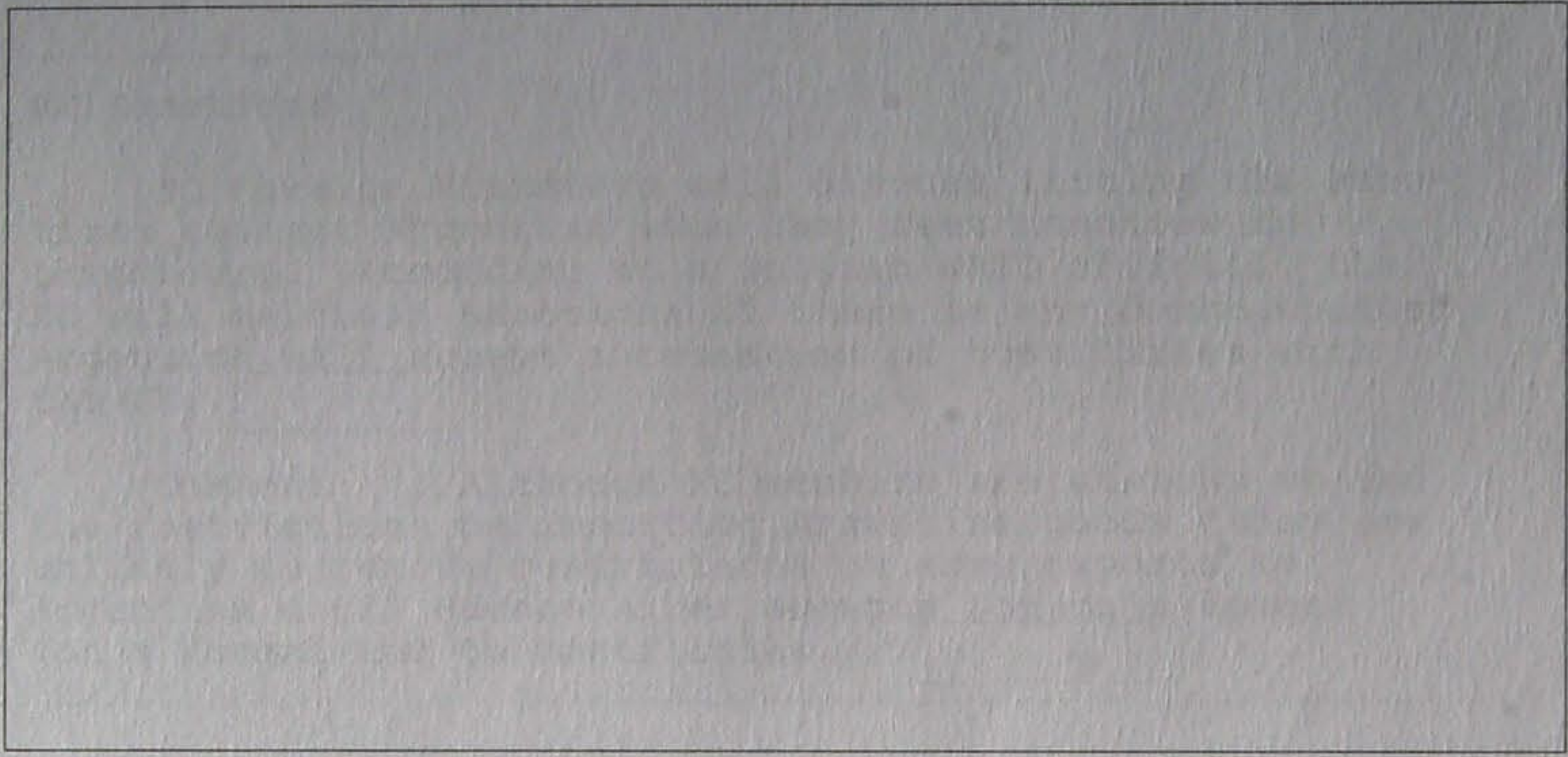
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[redacted] The West Europeans believe that a prolongation of the crisis will detract from the UK's contribution to NATC and cause more damage to West European - Latin American relations.// [redacted]

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Repatriation of Argentine Prisoners

//According to press reports, the UK has received Argentina's guarantee of safe passage for the Canberra and the Norland to repatriate 6,000 prisoners. The prisoners will be returned to the mainland as soon as possible. Argentina has submitted a request to the British that Argentine ships be used to assist the transfer, but the British have not yet responded.// [redacted]

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//After some initial confusion reportedly based on faulty Argentine estimates, the British officially gave the latest estimate of the number of Argentine prisoners now held on the Falklands as 11,845. The British Government has said it would detain Argentine commanders and special forces until an assurance has been received from Argentina that all fighting is at an end.// [redacted]

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Comment: //The authorization to grant safe passage for British ships to an Argentine port represents a change in the government's position. [redacted]

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The new government

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[Redacted] is proceeding with measures to re-
turn most of the prisoners to the mainland quickly.//

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EC Sanctions

EC Foreign Ministers will discuss lifting the sanc-
tions against Argentina when they meet tomorrow in
Luxembourg. According to a Belgian NATO official, the
EC will maintain sanctions if there is any doubt whether
Argentina will accept a cessation of hostilities with
the UK. [Redacted]

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Comment: //Although EC members are anxious to end
the restrictions on importing Argentine goods, they are
unlikely to remove restrictions on arms exports to
Argentina until Buenos Aires accepts London's demand
for a formal end to hostilities.// [Redacted]

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