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MOD PRESS STATEMENT: 8TH JUNE

The Ministry of Defence understands that earlier today a very large tanker leased by an American company was attacked by a four-engine aircraft when it was some 500 miles North East of the Falkland Islands. The Ministry of Defence wishes to make it absolutely clear that no British aircraft took part in any incident of this kind. One of our hospital ships, HMS HULBURN, has been ordered to proceed with all despatch to render assistance if required.