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Sandway in Anglican Cathedral Arrangements
(Pont Sterly)

I can confirm that no announcement was made this morning.

Although MOD had expected to put a statement out in mid morning, we had a firm request from ICRC not to do so. ICRC had not heard from their representative in Port Stanley, and I understand that no definite agreement had been received from Buenos Aires. There has been no report of any change in this position in the course of the day. We are therefore abiding by the ICRC request to say nothing, because they fear that any announcement from our side might prejudice their continuing negotiations with Argentina.

M A PATTISON

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