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THE FALKLANDS

1. WEEKEND PRESS CARRIED REPORT OF SPEECH BY RETIRED GENERAL LANDA, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE MALVINAS. HE SAID THAT OCCUPATION BY FORCE OF THE ISLANDS WOULD BE A LAST RESORT, AND ONE THAT WOULD INCUR GREAT INTERNATIONAL OPPROBRIUM; BUT THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY ARGENTINA TO THE ISLANDS (IE FLIGHTS, FUEL SUPPLIES ETC) COULD BE USED TO APPLY PRESSURE.
2. SEPARATE REPORT GIVES DETAILS OF RECENT FLIGHT BY ARGENTINA AIR FORCE KC-130. AIRCRAFT BASED AT RIO GALLEGOS, OVERFLEW SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE SCIENTIFIC BASE ON SOUTH THULE. THE OBJECT OF THE FLIGHT IS STATED TO HAVE BEEN TO REAFFIRM NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ARGENTINE WATERS, ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF AND ARGENTINA'S ANTARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO.

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