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OUR TELEGRAMS NUMBERS 335 AND 336: FALKLAND ISLANDS: TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE (TEZ)

1. IF PRESSED ON WHETHER THE ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE TEZ THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WILL REPLY THAT IT WAS ON THE EDGE OF AND JUST OUTSIDE THE TEZ. IN DOING SO HOWEVER THEY WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO THE WARNING ISSUED ON 23 APRIL, TO THE FACT THAT THE GENERAL BELGRANO WAS POSING A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE BRITISH TASK FORCE AND THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENCE.

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