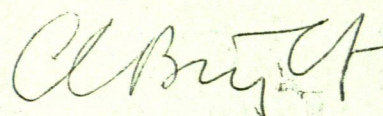


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1. The Captain of the RRS Bransfield, a British Antarctic survey vessel in the Falkland Islands, has reported that he has intercepted local Falkland Island radio broadcasts which say that 200 Argentinians have landed in armoured troop carriers (presumably, but not confirmed, by sea); that 3 Argentinian ships are anchored in Fort William, the outer harbour of Fort Stanley, and that as far as is known there have not yet been any casualties. The Commander of the Argentine unit is reported to be attempting to contact the Governor, as yet without success.
2. We must accept this as confirmation of an Argentine landing.



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P.S. MOD now confirm this information, adding only that the troop carriers are reported to be surrounding Government House.

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