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YOUR TELNO 64: ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. MANY THANKS THIS SITREP.
2. ON YOUR PARA 2, THIS MUST BE FOR YOUR JUDGEMENT. BUT YOU WILL WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE OF ARGENTINE INTENTIONS TO ATTACK THE ISLANDS TOMORROW IS HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE, IT IS NOT YET ENTIRELY CONCLUSIVE. THE ACTION WE ARE TAKING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND US REPRESENTATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES COULD YET DETER THEM. TO ARREST THE FEW ARGENTINES IN PORT STANLEY BEFORE IT IS ENTIRELY CLEAR THAT A LANDING IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE COULD SIMPLY PROVIDE THE ARGENTINES WITH THE EXCUSE THEY NEED. ON PRESENT INFORMATION WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THAT A LANDING ITSELF WOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATER IN THE MORNING. IT WOULD HOWEVER SEEM A SENSIBLE PRECAUTION FOR THE FIDF TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON ANY ARGENTINE CITIZENS.
2. WE LEAVE YOU DISCRETION ON WHEN TO INFORM THE CIVILIAN POPULATION BUT IT WOULD SEEM RIGHT TO DO SO WITH ADEQUATE WARNING DESPITE THE RISKS YOU REFER TO.

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