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Argentine Threat to the 150th Anniversary Celebrations on the Falkland Islands, and to the Prime Minister's Proposed Visit

In response to your letter to Richard Mottram dated 26th October 1982 I attach the Prime Minister's copy of the JIC assessment on the above subject. It was approved by the Committee on Thursday 4th November and also appears in Part III of the Weekly Survey of Intelligence, JIC(82)(WSI)44.

2. If I may venture a personal opinion, I think that this assessment assumes a higher degree of rationality in Argentine thinking than experience entitles us to expect. I should rate the risk of some attempt, however "kamikaze" it was likely to be, as significant.

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5th November 1982