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TO ROUTINE CERTAIN MISSIONS AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES
GUIDANCE TELEGRAM NUMBER 207 OF 8 NOVEMBER 1982

FALKLANDS PROPAGANDA: LETTERS BY THE LATE LT TINKER RN
OUR GUIDANCE TELEGRAM NO 206.

1. THE LETTERS AND POEMS IN THE BOOK ARE BY LT TINKER RN WHO WAS KILLED ON 12 JUNE WHEN HMS GLAMORGAN WAS HIT BY AN EXOCET MISSILE.
2. THE LETTERS ARE TO LT TINKER'S WIFE AND PARENTS AND THE EXTRACTS PUBLISHED SO FAR ARE CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.
3. THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN HAS ALREADY MADE SOME USE OF THE LETTERS PARTICULARLY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:
 - A. 'HERE WE ARE IN 1982, FIGHTING A COLONIAL WAR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD'.
 - B. 'EVEN IF GREAT BRITAIN RECONQUERS THE ISLANDS, WE SHALL STILL HAVE TO TALK WITH THE ARGENTINES AND REACH SOME KIND OF SETTLEMENT'.
 - C. 'IF GREAT BRITAIN TURNS THE ISLANDS INTO A FORTRESS IT WILL SHOW THE COMPLETE HYPOCRISY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD INTENDED TO LEAVE THE ISLANDERS COMPLETELY DEFENCELESS AND TO TAKE AWAY THEIR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP'.

LINE TO TAKE

4. YOU SHOULD NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO THESE LETTERS, BUT IF ASKED YOU MAY SAY THAT THEY ARE AN ISOLATED CASE. MOST MEMBERS OF THE FORCES STRONGLY BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES THEY WERE DEFENDING, THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE REJECTION OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING DISPUTES. IT WAS

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