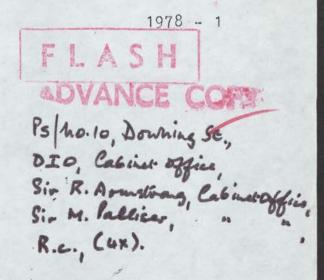
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MY TELNOS 99 TO ANKARA, 106 TO ATHENS AND 43 TO BUCHAREST (ONLY ONE OF WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO EACH POST):

FALKLANDS: MILITARY OPERATIONS.

1. THE MOD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT 11.00 GMT TODAY: BEGINS

IN PURSUANCE OF OUR INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER BRITISH HELICOPTERS TODAY ATTACKED A HOSTILE ARGENTINIAN SUBMARINE IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTH GEORGIA. THERE IS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AS YET. ENDS.

2. FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT YOU SHOULD DO WHATEVER YOU CAN AS APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION, AND TO MINIMISE ANY ADVERSE OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC REACTION. IN ADDITION TO DRAWING THE TELEGRAM YOU WILL HAVE BEEN SENT YESTERDAY, YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE THAT WE ARE EXERCISING OUR INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, AND THAT WE GAVE ARGENTINA DUE WARNING IN A MESSAGE PASSED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ON 23 APRIL THAT QUOTE ANY APPROACH ON THE PART OF ARGENTINE WARSHIPS INCLUDING SUBMARINES, NAVAL AUXILIARIES OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD AMOUNT TO A THREAT TO INTERFERE WITH THE MISSION OF BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WILL ENCOUNTER THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. UNOUOTE. THIS WARNING WAS ALSO COMMUNICATED ON 24 APRIL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR CIRCULATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND YESTERDAY'S

PUBLIC REACTION TO THE WARNING BY THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THAT THE WARNING HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND DULY NOTED.

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