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FALKLANDS: MEDIA COVERAGE

1. I WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY ON THE ABC SUNDAY NEWSMAKER PROGRAMME "THIS WEEK WITH DAVID BRINKLEY". SENATOR TOWER, WHO FOLLOWED ME, SAID THAT IF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE FAILED, THE US SHOULD PROVIDE BRITAIN WITH LOGISTICS AND INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT IN ANY MILITARY ENGAGEMENT. TOWER ADDED THAT BRITAIN HAD NOT ASKED FOR SUCH SUPPORT. WHEN PRESSED ABOUT POSSIBLE US MILITARY AND NAVAL INVOLVEMENT TOWER SAID HE THOUGHT THAT US NAVY SHOULD ADOPT A ROLE OF "PASSIVE" RATHER THAN ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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