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FALKLANDS: BUNKERING/ REPAIR FACILITIES AT CURACAO

1. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT RUMOURS HERE, APPARENTLY STIMULATED BY A NEWSPAPER REPORT FROM CURACAO, THAT REPAIR FACILITIES FOR HERMES HAD BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE DUTCH IN CURACAO. LAST NIGHT WE HEARD REPORTS THAT OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE CONSIDERING SUCH A PROPOSITION.

2. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND CHAMBER, SCHAPER (D66) ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEDE TO A REQUEST FOR BUNKERING FACILITIES AT CURACAO FOR THE TASK FORCE. VAN DER STOEL AVOIDED GIVING A DIRECT REPLY, SAYING THAT THIS WAS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

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