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PRIME MINISTER

I have just been to a meeting with CDS.

Things are going smoothly as far as we know. But information is very limited because radio silence is naturally being maintained.

One Argentine company has surrendered.

There seem to have been (but the information is rather scanty) a number of air attacks. Three of our ships have had minor repeat minor damage.

Subject to confirmation, the other side have lost one Skyhawk, one Mirage and one Pucara.

There has been an informal meeting of the Security Council this afternoon. There could be a formal meeting later today. Tony Parsons has all the instructions he needs. We are talking to the Americans and French about them using their veto if necessary.

We shall arrange for an up to date report from the MOD to be available on your return at about 9.30 pm. Otherwise things are quiet and there is no need for Ministerial decisions.

JOHN COLES
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