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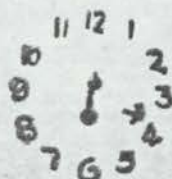
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FALKLANDS: RIVER PLATE EXCLUSION ZONE

1. UNDER SECRETARY (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) HAS ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF A LOCAL PRESS REPORT UNDER UN DATELINE THAT RIVER PLATE ESTUARY HAD BEEN DECLARED PART OF THE TEZ. IF CORRECT, HE VIEWED THIS AS A DANGEROUS ESCALATION AND WISHED TO KNOW URUGUAYAN REACTIONS.
2. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION. MY UNDERSTANDING (BASED ON CONVERSATION LAST WEEK WITH URUGUAYAN AND OTHER OUTDATED REPORTS) WAS THAT WE HAD MERELY ASKED URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY WHETHER THEY CONSIDERED THE WATERS A RIVER OR AN ESTUARY.
3. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL OF REPORT AND ANY BACKGROUND WHICH I CAN PASS TO GOMEZ.

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