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TELEGRAM NUMBER 170 OF 15 JUNE 82

FALKLANDS

1. AT A PRIVATE PARTY LAST NIGHT, THE COMMANDER OF THE ALGERIAN NAVY TOLD OTHER SENIOR ALGERIANS IN MY PRESENCE THAT WHATEVER THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF THE FALKLANDS CAMPAIGN, FROM A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY POINT OF VIEW IT HAD BEEN A QUITE ASTONISHING FEAT OF ARMS.

2. IN THE GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, I WAS ONCE AGAIN STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT THOSE PRESENT SAW THE ARGENTINE AGGRESSION ENTIRELY IN TERMS OF A HUMILIATION INFLICTED ON BRITAIN WHICH SHE

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