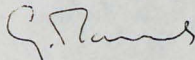


SALE OF HMS INVINCIBLE TO AUSTRALIA

BACKGROUND: Australian AP say Australian papers are saying that the British Government have refused to sign papers relating to the sale of HMS Invincible.

PR LINE: The sale of HMS Invincible to Australia has been agreed but formalities have not yet been finalised.

IF PRESSED ON DELAY: HMS Invincible is currently on operations in the South Atlantic and it would clearly not be appropriate to complete sales formalities at the moment.



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THE OVERFLIGHT ON TASK FORCE

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We can confirm that an Argentine aft approached the task force today. ve no further information at this time.



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