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A British task group engaged in operations off South Georgia detected an Argentine submarine close off the coast near the harbour at Grytviken at first light this morning. Helicopters were sent to engage it in order to safeguard our ships and the men aboard. The submarine which has been damaged, is believed to be the Santa Fe.

Unattributably we added that the submarine was on the surface but of course was ~~well~~ in a position to fire torpedos. We understood that no torpedos were fired but one doesn't wait for the button to be pushed before taking appropriate action if under threat.

Statement Released by MOD at 1800 hours, 25 April 1982

~~British~~ ^{British} forces are now ashore in South Georgia.

Statement Released by MOD at 2000 hours, 25 April 1982

Our latest reports are that the Santa Fe, the Argentine submarine attacked by RN helicopters, is now alongside King Edward Point, Grytviken. The full extent of the damage is not known. But it is still smoking, leaking oil and listing to port. It may be aground. We assess that the internal damage is severe.