

FALKLAND ISLANDS -- REPORTS OF AN ARGENTINE VESSEL BEING HIT BY A BOFORS GUN
OFF SOUTH GEORGIA

BACKGROUND:

1. The Press Office has asked for a defensive line on reports that an (unidentified) Argentine vessel has been hit by a Bofors gun off South Georgia. No date has been given for this alleged incident.

LINE TO TAKE:

2. We have no knowledge of any such incident.

FALKLAND ISLANDS - ARGENTINE DESTROYER 'BOUCHARD' -- HAS SHE BEEN ATTACKED BY
RN SUBMARINE?

BACKGROUND:

1. The Press Office has asked for a defensive line on reports that the Argentine destroyer 'BOUCHARD', now apparently returning to an Argentine port carrying survivors from the 'GENERAL BELGRANO', was hit by a torpedo from an RN submarine that failed to explode. This was probably inspired by CIA reports that an SSN had attacked a destroyer but that the torpedo had not exploded, and Press reports that the 'BOUCHARD' is 'limping' into harbour.

LINE TO TAKE:

2. We have had no reports of any attack by RN forces on the Argentine destroyer 'BOUCHARD'.

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