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Summary of Programme No 8 - 26 May 82.

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NEWS

1. This covered such items as Mr. Nott's address to the House of Commons and an update on the casualties suffered in the previous days fighting. This was balanced by reports of the buildup of the British beachhead and continuing flow of ships, supplies and units to the Falkland area.

2. Other news items covered world events such as the Pope's visits to both UK and Argentina, UN peace efforts and the war between Iraq and Iran.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- 3. These included:
  - a. A report on the military situation which mentioned the prisoners recently taken, the feelings of the islanders towards the occupying troops and gave further details on reinforcements arriving.
  - b. Three letters to the Daily Telegraph were quoted in full.
  - c. To reinforce the news bulletin a transcript of Mr. Nott's speech to the House of Commons was broadcast.
  - d. Argentine reaction to the Pope's proposed visit to UK.
  - e. A follow up on the attrition rate to the Argentine Air Force.
  - f. International Press report following the usual round-up of world opinion.

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POPULAR FEATURES.

4. These followed the customary pattern. However it is becoming increasingly difficult to dedicate to known personalities until results of the debrief of the latest Argentine prisoners are received.

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RECEPTION

5. Our signal strength was reported from Asuncion, Paraguay as good. Heavy jamming was also reported which may have had some limited effect in the North of Argentine but only minimally affected reception in the target area.

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FM WASHINGTON 001 OF 26 MAY  
TO DIRECTOR (R) (FOR DS(OMSA))  
SUBJECT: ARGENTINA/CHILEAN ISLANDS - BRITISH PRESS COMMENT  
RE: REPORT FROM DAILY STAR OF 24 MAY (BRITISH HELICOPTERS  
DROPPED INTO CHILE FROM ASCENSION IN PARTS AND REASSEMBLED  
ON AN ALBATROSS) HAS AGAIN UPSET THE CHILEANS. MFA TELL  
THEY ARE QUOTE CONCERNED AT THE NATURE AND FREQUENCY OF  
THEIR REPORTS UNQUOTE. THEY APPRECIATE THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO  
ABOUT SUCH PRESS SPECULATION, BUT THEY WANT US OFFICIALLY TO  
STATE THAT THIS KIND OF THING IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS TO  
OUR NEUTRAL STANCE.

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