

FALKLAND ISLANDS - DAILY MAIL: HAS HEARD THAT CARGO LINES "LAERTES" OWNED BY OCEAN
TRANS TRADING CO, LIVERPOOL, IS TO BE USED "FOR A SPECIAL HELICOPTER"

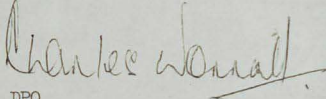
PR LINE:

The SS Laertes, owned by the China Steam Navigation Company, was requisitioned today (28/5/82). GRT is 11,800 tons.

She is to be used in the role of Stores Support Ship. She is sailing from Belfast to Devonport where, after an indepth study, the precise modifications needed for her role will be decided.

She is due to sail at beginning of June (ie as soon as possible).

(To the suggestion that she is a direct replacement for Atlantic Conveyor, this is not so. That requirement will be met in other ways)".


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