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PRESS STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE,
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British troops landed on South Georgia this afternoon shortly after 4 p.m. London time. They have now successfully taken control of Grytviken. At about 6 p.m. London time the white flag was hoisted in Grytviken beside the Argentine flag and shortly afterward Argentinian forces surrendered to British forces. The Argentine forces offered only limited resistance to the British troops. Our forces were landed by helicopter and were supported by a number of war ships, together with a Royal Fleet auxiliary.

During the first phase of this operation, RN helicopters engaged Argentine submarine Santa Fe off South Georgia. The submarine was detected at first light and was engaged because it posed a threat to our men and the British warships launching the landing of ground forces. So far no British casualties have been reported. At present we have no information on the Argentine casualty position. The commander of the operation has sent the following message:

"Be pleased to inform Her Majesty that the white N signal flies alongside the Union Jack in Grytviken, South Georgia. God save the Queen."

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