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THE ARGENTINE MILITARY THREAT TO THE FALKLANDS

1. Many thanks for your letter 050/492/1 of 2 March about the ways in which the Argentines could use military force to seize these Islands.

2. I am most grateful to you for putting the military options so clearly: I agree with you that a clandestine assault would seem to be the most likely one that the Argentines would choose. Our new Chief Police Officer has tightened up immigration procedures at the Airport, but it would still be relatively easy for members of an assault party to slip in undetected.

*is it
James?*

3. Contingency plans for M 8901 include the withdrawal of a survival team into the hills in the hope that they would be difficult to winkle out and be able to broadcast to the outside world to let them know of the existence of a token resistance. I doubt if we could do much more.

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