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MY TELNO 132 : FALKLANDS CRISIS

1. COSTA MENDEZ'S SECRETARY HAS JUST CONVEYED, WITHOUT EXPLANATION, A SUMMONS FOR 1015 (0113152) TOMORROW. I CAN ONLY TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT YOUR MESSAGE HAS INVOLVED SOME UNEXPECTED RE-EXAMINATION OF PLANS INVOLVING MORE INTER-SERVICE CONSULTATION THAN ANTICIPATED. MY GUESS IS THAT TOMORROW I SHALL BE TOLD THAT YOUR RESPONSE IS INADEQUATE FOLLOWED BY AN EITHER/OR ULTIMATUM OF SOME KIND. IT IS HOWEVER DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW INTERNATIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ARMED ATTACK COULD IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BE STAGE MANAGED.

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