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- 1. ALTHOUGH WE REALISE THAT IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE SECURITY, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT PUBLICITY FOR OPERATIONS AT ASCENCION SHOULD BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE BBC HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED US FOR PERMISSION TO FLY IN ON TUESDAY AND THIS HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THIS IS FOR SECURITY REASONS, ADDING UNATTRIBUTABLY THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT THE BAN TO LAST FOR LONG.
- 2. PLEASE CONTACT THE AMERICAN BASE COMMANDER TO SEEK HIS COOPERATION.
- 3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TASK FORCE TO BE COVERED BY A POOL OF JOURNALISTS AND YOU SHOULD DIRECT PRESS ENQUIRIES TO THE MOD IN LONDON.

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