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1. PLEASE CONFIRM URGENTLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT I TOLD HAIG DURING ONE OF OUR OVERNIGHT TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS THAT IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT IMMINENCE OF ARGENTINE ACTION AGAINST THE FALKLANDS WE HAVE HAD NO OPTION BUT TO PLACE THE FLEET IN A STATE OF IMMEDIATE READINESS. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL PRECAUTION.
2. WE ARE NOT ANNOUNCING THE DECISION AT THIS STAGE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE IMPLICATION THAT WE HAVE DONE ANYTHING PROVOCATIVE AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT.

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