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MY TELNO 176: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SOVIET ATTITUDE.

1. TODAY'S PRAVDA INDICATES A RATHER MORE PRONOUNCED DRIFT TOWARDS THE ARGENTINE POSITION.

2. PRAVDA CARRIES TASS REPORTS FROM LONDON AND BUENOS AIRES

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WHICH REFER TO BRITAIN'S '!!FORCIBLE SEIZURE!! OF THE FALKLANDS FROM ARGENTINA IN 1833 AND LAY STRESS ON BRITISH MILITARY PREPARATIONS TO RECOVER THE ISLANDS. THE DAILY MAIL IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT BRITISH MILITARY ACTION.

3. BY CONTRAST THE ONLY REFERENCE TO ARGENTINE ACTIVITIES IS A REPORT OF A STATEMENT BY COSTA MENDEZ IN WHICH ACCORDING TO TASS HE SAID THAT ARGENTINA WAS READY TO LOOK FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT AND THAT IT WOULD RESPECT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION PROVIDED THAT BRITAIN HALTED HOSTILE ACTIONS AND TALKS BEGAN.

4. THERE IS ALSO CONTINUING EVIDENCE THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE STILL NOT MANAGED TO, WORK OUT A CLEAR LINE. A FACTUAL REPORT OF LORD

CARRINGTON'S RESIGNATION MENTIONS IN PASSING ARGENTINE'S '!!SEIZURE!! (RATHER THAN '!!OCCUPATION!!) OF THE FALKLANDS.F

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