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FALKLANDS

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN TODAY'S PRESS, THE PERUVIAN MINISTER OF WAR, GENERAL CISNEROS, EXPRESSED PERU'S TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE POSITION ON THE FALKLANDS, ADDING THAT THIS COULD ALSO INCLUDE PERUVIAN MILITARY SUPPORT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERAMERICAN MUTUAL DEFENCE TREATY OF 1947. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE FOR THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS, TO DECIDE WHETHER PERU SHOULD SUPPORT ARGENTINA MILITARILY WERE AN ARMED CONFLICT TO OCCUR WITH BRITAIN. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, HAS ALSO SAID THAT THE 1947 TREATY WOULD COME INTO FORCE SHOULD THERE BE AN ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRITAIN.

2. SEE MIFT.

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