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The Secretary of State has asked me to pass on to you that we are picking up reports from the BBC in Buenos Aires that some or part of the Argentine fleet has sailed and is thought to be making for South Georgia. If this is the case we should consider whether the small group which has just met should meet again tonight to assess the situation. The Secretary of State would be grateful if you could consider this and have a quick word with him.

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The following is recommended in response to APS/SofS Note.

At your meeting with the Prime Minister before OD(SA) this morning to discuss the possible moves of the Argentine Fleet, DCDS(I) listed among the options (should the fleet be at sea) that the Argentines could move towards South Georgia to intercept our Task Force. We have received no further intelligence. This therefore remains merely one of 4 or 5 courses open to them. In short, no change since this morning.

There may of course be an element of disinformation in the BBC announcements from Buenos Aires.

Thus, I suggest there is little point in "the small group" meeting again tonight.

Passed to AP/SJS 1800 15 April.

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