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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 44 OF 23 APRIL
AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON MONTEVIDEO SANTIAGO
PRESS SUMMARY

1. TODAY'S PRESS CARRIES HEADLINE REPORTS OF GALTIERI'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND HIS EXHORTATIONS TO THE TROOPS DUG IN THERE. OTHER HEADLINES REPORT YOUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HAIQ IN WASHINGTON WITH HINTS OF POSSIBLE PROGRESS. 'LA PRENSA' HEADLINES THE PRIME MINISTER IS STATEMENT ON EXHAUSTING PEACEFUL MEANS BUT NOT RULING OUT THE USE OF FORCE. INGLASIAS RUCO, HARDLINE COLUMNIST IN THE SAME PAPER WRITES THAT THIS IS THE TIME FOR ARMS AND WAR IS NOW INEVITABLE. THE ARGENTINES SHOULD REPORT TO THEIR POSITION AT THE FIRST OF APRIL AS THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTS, THAT IS THEY SHOULD PREPARE FOR BATTLE, WITHDRAWING SUBSEQUENT QUOTE CONCESSIONS UNQUOTE.

2. SUBSIDIARY REPORTS SUGGEST THAT BRITAIN WILL ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY THE GEORGIAS RATHER THAN UNDERTAKE THE DIRECT ASSAULT ON THE FALKLANDS.

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