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Dear Mills,

You might like to be aware of the arrangements for handling the return to the UK from Ascension Island of survivors from HMS SHEFFIELD on around 26 May.

2. Our policy is to play this generally in low key and the senior officer present will probably be a Rear Admiral. The survivors will be briefed at Ascension and given new items of uniform as necessary so that they arrive in UK looking smart. At RAF Brize Norton, Captain Salt and about 6 other selected survivors will leave the aircraft in advance of the others, meet their families and then proceed to a Press Conference. The rest will proceed direct on leave and be advised not to talk to the Press. We are looking into whether the Lord Mayor of Sheffield might attend.

3. Though I do not promise this as a regular item, you might also be interested to see a summary of the second programme from Radio Atlantico del Sur.

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Private Secretary

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