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FALKLAND ISLANDS

I must tell you that every single correspondent has told us this morning that we were wrong not to announce the loss of HMS COVENTRY last night and that apart from our own Casualty Enquiry telephone numbers the whole of Fleet Street's exchanges were jammed throughout the night with enquiries from anxious relatives.

2. It was well known from British, Argentinian and American sources that COVENTRY had been lost, that ATLANTIC CONVEYOR had been hit and that BROADSWORD (by name) had also been hit.

3. I must emphasise that the Press are not being difficult and will accede to requests to hold back information, wherever there are clear and demonstratable operational grounds, and provided we take them into confidence.

FRANK COOPER
26 May 1982

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