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MEANT)

ONE. BLUFF COVE PLAN. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WISH TO DO THIS AND I
ACCEPT MILITARY ARGUMENTS FOR IT. HOWEVER AS YOU AGREE IN PARA
1 OF REF A IT INVOLVES RISKS - THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF SHIPS AND
LARGE NUMBERS OF MEN AT SEA. IN AN AREA PREVIOUSLY HIGHLIGHTED
BY DIVISION THREAT, WE CANNOT BE SURE OF SEA MINES, OR ENEMY
ARTILLERY, ON SHORE. IF WEATHER CLEARS ENEMY AIR THREAT WOULD
INDEED BE SHARP. KN FZ

WORLD-WIDE CALL FOR BEASFIRE AND A
DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY IN HER OWN TEAM, PM HAS HELD OUT RESOLUTELY
FOR VICTORY NOT CEASEFIRE. THE ONE THING WHICH COULD UNDERMINE HER
POSITION AND COULD LEAD TO COMPLETE ABOUT-TURN IN PUBLIC OPINION
IN UK, WHICH AT PRESENT STONGLY SUPPORTS HER, IS CATASTROPHE AT SEA
WITH LARGE LOSS OF LIFE. THUS WHILE I AGREE RISK INVOLVED IN THIS
OPERATION MAY BE ACCEPTABLE IN MILITARY TERMS, THE POLITICAL RISK
IS NOT. YOUR EXCELLENT PROGRESS TO INVEST PORT STANLEY HAS EASED
PRESSURE FOR IMMEDIATE VICTORY IN THAT AREA. I THEREFORE ACCEPT THE
DELAY THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE TO BLUFF COVE WOULD IMPOSE, ALBEIT
THAT I HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE LESS THAN 5 DAYS YOU MENTION. PERHAPS
BY LCU TO SE CORNER OF SALVADOR WATER, TIME FOR DEPLOYMENT OF 5
BDE AND LOG BUILD-%'0 :97) ?3 437:3. THEREFORE PLEASE DROP THIS
PLAN.

TWO. RAT CASTLE SHANTY. I AM CONSENT TO LEAVE TIMING OF MOUNTING
TO YOUR JUDGEMENT, BUT YOU SHOULD AS BE CLEAR OF IMPLICATION OF
SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS OF WEST FALKLAND BY AIR.
THREE. OVERT PRESENCE ON WEST FALKLAND. I CONSIDER THIS TO BE
IMPORTANT AND URGENT, NOT LEAST IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN UN
YESTERDAY WHERE US WOBBLING HAS MADE HMG NEGOTIATING POSITION LESS
THAN CERTAIN. YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER PROSPECT OF DEPLOYING OVERT
COY-SIZE FORCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE JX

FOUR. I HAD HOPED TO DO THIS BY TELEPHONE BUT FRUSTRATED AND
HENCE RESORT TO SIGNAL
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