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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. There are too many hands dabbling in operational matters and their public presentation. I have it on the very best authority that in the last few days:-

- a. No.10 founded the story of victory in a week (even casually announced by an ITN reporter filmed in Downing Street);
- b. No.10 told the lobby about HMS BROADSWORD being hit;
- c. W S CHURCHILL was the author of GOOSE GREEN being captured.

2. This is all very well but it is damaging to the Services and could get people killed.

FRANK COOPER
27 May 1982

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