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YOUR AAA/A2G/19F OF 310855Z MAY 82 REFERS.

ONE. I HAVE LOCKED INTO THE ALLEGATION THAT S OF S HIMSELF HAD ANNOUNCED OUR PLANS FOR THE CAPTURE OF DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN.

TWO. AFTER EXHAUSTIVE RESEARCH WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE BBC WHO PRODUCED THE RELEVANT TRANSCRIPTS I AM SATISFIED THAT MR NOTTS COMMENTS ON THE TWENTY FOUR HOURS PROGRAMME BROADCAST AT 260709Z MAY WERE OF A GENERAL AND POLITICAL NATURE. JOHN CONNELL OF THE SUNDAY TIMES FOLLOWED S OF S ON THE SAME PROGRAMME AND SPECULATED THAT OUR TROOPS QUOTE HAVE TWO CHOICES, ONE IS TO GO ACROSS THE NORTH OF THE ISLAND WHERE THE TERRAIN IS VERY BAD INDEED. THE SECOND IS TO MOVE SOUTH AND TAKE PORT DARWIN WHERE THERE IS AN ARGENTINIAN GARRISON ON THE WAY, AND THEN MOVE ACROSS THE BETTER PART OF THE ISLAND TOWARDS PORT STANLEY. BUT EITHER WAY IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE TIME. UNQUOTE.

THREE. S OF S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE ON 26 MAY WAS ALSO REPEATED ON THE WORLD SERVICE BUT GAVE NO SPECIFIC INTENTIONS.

FOUR. IN MY VIEW MR NOTT HAS BEEN UNFAIRLY ATTRIBUTED WITH A BREACH OF SECURITY. MOST ARMCHAIR STRATEGISTS WERE OPENLY SPECULATING THAT DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN SHOULD BE TAKEN FIRST AND IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THE ARGENTINIANS CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION IN TIME TO REINFORCE THE GARRISON.

FIVE. MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN TO EXONERATE S OF S WHO HAS BEEN A TIRELESS AND OUTSTANDING CHAMPION FOR THE TASK FORCE HERE IN WHITEHALL.

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