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1. TODAY'S PRESS HEADLINES CONCENTRATE ON THE INITIATION OF THE NAVAL BLOCKADE AND PERU'S ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE A TRUCE.

2. ALSO PUBLISHED ARE THE FULL TEXTS OF THE LETTERS EXCHANGED BY PRESIDENTS BELAUNDE AND GALTIERI (MY TELNO 81). PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S LETTER STATES THAT THE ARGUMENTS WHICH HAVE QUOTE JUSTIFIABLY UNQUOTE PREOCCUPIED ARGENTINA SINCE HER INDEPENDENCE ALSO CAUSE CONCERN TO QUOTE SISTER COUNTRIES TRADITIONALLY LINKED TO HER UNQUOTE, AND IT IMPORES BOTH COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT A TRUCE TO PERMIT PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE. THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF DESCRIBES HIS LETTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE AS DOCUMENTS QUOTE WHICH WOULD ADD FUEL TO THE FLAMES UNQUOTE, BUT WERE RATHER IN PERSUIT OF PERU'S DETERMINATION TO SECURE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

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