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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1140 OF 9 JUNE  
AND TO UKMIS NEW YORK, BONN (FOR PS NO 10 AND PS).

FALKLANDS : MOD PRESS STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DURING THE EVENING OF 9 JUNE.

BEGINS

'WE ARE NOW ABLE TO SAY A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE BOMBING RAID ON OUR SHIPS WHICH WE REPORTED LAST NIGHT.

WE KNOW THAT THERE WERE NO DEATHS ON HMS PLYMOUTH BUT THERE WERE FIVE PEOPLE INJURED. THEY ARE UNDER TREATMENT AND THEIR NEXT-OF-KIN HAVE BEEN INFORMED. IT IS, HOWEVER, FEARED THAT CASUALTIES FROM THE ATTACKS ON SIR TRISTRAM AND SIR GALAHAD WERE MUCH HEAVIER: EARLY REPORTS INDICATE A NUMBER OF KILLED AND INJURED.

AS SOON AS WE HAVE INFORMATION NEXT-OF-KIN WILL BE INFORMED: INDEED THIS PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEGUN. BUT IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT, GIVEN THE OPERATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE DIFFERENT PLACES TO WHICH CASUALTIES AND SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, IT MAY BE SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE THIS CAN BE COMPLETED.

THERE IS AT THE MOMENT NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OR IN THE SERVICES INFORMATION CENTRES. PLEASE DO NOT RING THEM. AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE.'

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