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INFO IMMEDIATE MOSCOW PRIORITY WASHINGTON.

FALKLANDS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HMS SHEFFIELD

1. TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES A REUTERS REPORT FROM MOSCOW ABOUT ALLEGATIONS IN "LITERATURNAYA GAZETA" THAT THERE WERE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOARD HMS SHEFFIELD, THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THEM BEFORE SHE SANK, AND THAT THERE WAS A DANGER OF WIDESPREAD RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION ONCE SEA WATER ERODED THEIR PROTECTIVE COATING.
2. THIS PIECE OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA IS LIKELY TO BE PICKED UP HERE.

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PROTECTIVE GATING.

2. ~~THIS PIECE OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA IS LIKELY TO BE PICKED UP HERE.~~
FROM THE BEGINNING THE ARGENTINES AND THEIR FRIENDS HAVE ALLEGED
THAT SOME ASPECTS OF OUR NAVAL OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTRARY TO
OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TREATY OF TLATELOCO AND SPECIFICALLY
THAT HM SHIPS HAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOARD. IS THERE ANY CHANCE
OF THE MOD GOING BEYOND THE STANDARD LINE (WHICH HAS NOT CARRIED
MUCH CONVICTION HERE) AND ISSUING A FIRM DENIAL OF THE SOVIET
ALLEGATION ABOUT HMS SHEFFIELD? IF SO, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
CIRCULATE IT HERE QUICKLY BEFORE THE ARGENTINES GET THEIR BLOW IN.

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