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*Man - we can't
keep them - quite sure will*

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TELEGRAM NO. 043

ARGENTINE PRISONERS

1. I SUPPORT THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST THAT 34 ARGENTINE ENGINEERS BE KEPT HERE TO HELP US TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF MINE-FIELDS. RECENT HEAVY SNOW HAS DELAYED PROGRESS BUT IT IS HOPED THAT ANOTHER 10 DAYS OR SO WILL SEE THE JOB THROUGH.
 2. TO LET THEM GO WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS TOMORROW WILL LEAVE US OPEN TO JUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM IF AN ISLANDER IS SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED OR INJURED BY A MINE. WITHOUT THEIR HELP, IT WILL TAKE OUR ENGINEERS LONGER TO CLEAR THE MINE-FIELDS AND THUS PROLONG THE SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO STANLEY INHABITANTS. HUNT.
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