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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 061 OF 12 JULY

DEPARTURE OF CIVILIANS

1. THE SUN NEWSPAPER OF 9 JULY CARRIES A STORY THAT 50 ISLANDERS ARE READY TO LEAVE BECAUSE THEY ARE FRIGHTENED OF A NEW ARGENTINE INVASION. AN INTERVIEW I GAVE ON LOCAL RADIO IS QUOTED AS SOURCE FOR THE STORY. THIS IS THE ONLY PAPER WE HAVE RECEIVED FOR THAT DAY. I DO NOT KNOW IF OTHERS CARRIED THE STORY).
2. THE STORY IS TOTALLY MISLEADING AND I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TRY TO PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT. OF THE PRIORITY LIST OF CIVILIANS TO BE RETURNED TO THE UK WHICH I HAVE GIVEN TO THE MILITARY 20 OUT OF TOTAL OF 75 ARE ISLANDERS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE REST ARE EXPATRIATES. OF THIS NUMBER ONLY 2 ISLANDER FAMILIES ARE NOT INTENDING TO RETURN AFTER LEAVE AND THEY HAD BOTH MADE PLANS TO LEAVE FOR GOOD BEFORE THE INVASION.
3. AT THE MOMENT I KNOW OF NO ISLANDERS WHO HAVE DECIDED TO GO FOR GOOD AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION.

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