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SUBJECT: FALKLANDS DISPUTE: UK MEDIA REACTION APRIL 23

1. WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM IN WASHINGTON AND THE  
BRITISH TASK FORCE APPROACHING "BATTLE STATIONS", TODAY'S  
COVERAGE SPECULATES THAT TIME MAY BE RUNNING OUT FOR A  
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE FALKLANDS ISSUE, AND REPORTS  
ON THE LIKELY INTENTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND ON  
EVENTS IN PARLIAMENT.

-- COVERAGE REFLECTS THE PM'S FIRM STANCE IN HANDLING THE  
CRISIS AND EMPHASISES UK INSISTENCE ON (1) COMPLETE  
ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL (2) INSTALLATION OF AN IDENTIFIABLE  
BRITISH ADMINISTRATION (3) NEGOTIATIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY.

-- THE PREDOMINANT VIEW IN WHITEHALL IS THAT IT WILL BE  
VERY DIFFICULT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES,  
WHILE THERE WAS SPECULATION AMONG TORY MP'S THAT A  
SIZEABLE GROUP OF BACKBENCHERS MIGHT RESIGN THE  
PARLIAMENTARY WHIP (PARTY LINE) IF THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT  
CONCESSIONS.

-- IN THE COMMONS THE PRIME MINISTER REITERATED BRITAIN'S  
READINESS TO USE FORCE, IF NECESSARY, TO LIBERATE THE  
FALKLAND ISLES AND HER DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT NO  
LONGER-TERM DEAL INVOLVES CEDING SOVEREIGNTY OVER SOUTH  
GEORGIA.

-- MRS. THATCHER'S SPIRITED STANCE WAS WELL  
RECEIVED BY MOST TORY MP'S AND PRODUCED LITTLE MORE THAN  
RIPPLES OF DISSSENT ON THE OPPOSITION BENCHES.

-- LABOUR'S SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY, DENIS HEALEY, WARNED  
THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO JEOPARDISE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT  
FOR BRITAIN IN ITS ROW WITH ARGENTINA BY USING FORCE

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## MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

EXCESSIVELY OR AT THE WRONG TIME. LABOUR HAD NOT GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT A BLANK CHEQUE.

-- FOLLOWING A REPORT OF SOME DISAFFECTION AMONG MINISTERS, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, GEOFFREY HOWE, SAID THAT THE FUTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ENDANGERED IN ANY WAY BY THE FALKLANDS CRISIS. SIR GEOFFREY INDICATED THAT THE COST OF THE FALKLANDS OPERATION WOULD NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE ITS ECONOMIC STRATEGY. (THE ABOVE FROM THE FINANCIAL TIMES).

-- PUBLIC SATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE FALKLAND CRISIS HAS RISEN DURING THE LAST WEEK FROM 60 TO 68 PER CENT, A POLL IN TODAY'S ECONOMIST SHOWS.

-- A TIMES EDITORIAL (SEE SEPTEL) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD HAVE BUCKLED HAD THE US COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE UK FROM THE START OF THE CRISIS.

-- THE TIMES REPORTS THAT SENIOR OFFICERS WITH THE TASK FORCE ARE QUESTIONING WHETHER MINISTERS FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF A SEABORNE ASSAULT WITHOUT GUARANTEED AIR SUPERIORITY.

-- THERE WAS SPARCE MENTION OF LABOUR LEFT-WING LEADER TONY BENN'S BELIEF (OUTLINED IN A SPEECH) THAT BRITAIN SHOULD NEVER HAVE SENT A TASK FORCE AND SHOULD NOW TURN IT ROUND. STREATOR

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