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 TAGS: SOPN, AR, UK, FA  
 SUBJECT: FALKLANDS DISPUTE: UK MEDIA REACTION MAY 9  
 SUMMARY: TODAY'S PAPERS REPORT THAT HOPES FOR PEACE HAVE  
 ONCE AGAIN FADED, AND THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN PUT ON STAND-  
 BY FOR AN INVASION. COVERAGE APPEARS RESIGNED TO  
 ARGENTINA'S NOT COMPROMISING, AND TURNS TO SPECULATION  
 ABOUT BRITAIN'S MILITARY RESPONSE, WHETHER IT WILL BE A  
 BLOCKADE OR A SWIFT INVASION. A BRIEFING BY A SENIOR U.S.  
 STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL STRESSING ARGENTINE INTRANSIGENCE,  
 RECEIVES PROMINENT ATTENTION. THE SUNDAY TIMES, IN AN  
 EXCLUSIVE, REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE  
 MISLED THE BRITISH ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE ARGENTINES TO  
 KNOCK OUT THE SHEFFIELD. THERE IS SOME UGLY TRADING IN  
 INSULTS AMONG THE POPULAR PRESS. END SUMMARY.  
 POSSIBLE INVASION  
 1. THE OBSERVER LEADS WITH A REPORT STATING THAT , "THE  
 GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ARGENTINA A DEADLINE OF LESS THAN  
 48 HOURS TO AGREE TO A WITHDRAWAL OF ITS TROOPS FROM THE  
 FALKLANDS OR ELSE FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF BEING THROWN  
 OFF BY MILITARY FORCE." THE SUNDAY TIMES, ON THE OTHER

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

HAND, NOTES THAT, "SPECULATION THAT BRITAIN HAS GIVEN ARGENTINA A 48-HOUR DEADLINE TO AGREE TO WITHDRAW ITS INVASION FORCE WAS DISMISSED IN WHITEHALL LAST NIGHT. BUT OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE TIME FOR PROLONGED DIPLOMACY WITHOUT RESULTS IS OVER." THE SUNDAY TIMES MORE CAUTIOUSLY SAYS THAT, "BRITISH FORCES WILL BE ORDERED THIS WEEK TO PUT A SECRET STRATEGY INTO EFFECT TO RETAKE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY FORCE IF FINAL UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS FAIL TO ACHIEVE A SPEEDY CEASEFIRE," ADDING THAT, "INDICATIONS IN WHITEHALL LAST NIGHT WERE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS PREPARING TO RENEW BRITAIN'S APPEAL FOR WORLD SUPPORT BEFORE THE FINAL CRUNCH." IT FURTHER NOTES THAT, "EVEN LEAVING ASIDE THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAYS IS EXCLUDED AT THIS STATE, BRITAIN HAS GRAVE DOUBTS - AND MRS. THATCHER NO FAITH WHATEVER - THAT THE ARGENTINIANS ARE REALLY PREPARED TO PULL OUT THEIR TROOPS. BRITISH ANXIETIES ARE EXACERBATED BY GROWING DOUBT OVER THE VALUE OF THE PROMISED U. S. BACKING. THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS FALL FAR SHORT OF WHAT THE EUROPEANS HAVE DONE AND CAN HAVE LITTLE EFFECT. EFFORTS BY BRITAIN TO GET THEM STIFFENED TO INCLUDE A BAN ON ARGENTINIAN EXPORTS TO THE U. S. - ROUGHLY 12 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL TRADE - HAVE HAD SMALL SUCCESS."

U. S. ATTITUDE

2. THE SUNDAY MIRROR LEADS ITS REPORT WITH AN INTERPRETATION OF THE U. S. SENIOR OFFICIAL'S REMARKS AS BEING A WARNING TO ARGENTINA THAT, "YOU CAN'T WIN," WHILE THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES REPORTS OF THE BRIEFING AS "AN UNSUALLY CANDID ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT THINKING." THE OBSERVER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, NOTING THAT THE OFFICIAL BORE "ALL THE HALLMARKS OF BEING SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG HIMSELF" GOES ON TO SAY THAT, "THIS OFFICIAL PUT THE BLAME FOR THE DIPLOMATIC IMPASSE SQUARELY ON ARGENTINA."

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

3. IN AN EXCLUSIVE, THE SUNDAY TIMES INVESTIGATIVE 'INSIGHT' TEAM REPORTS THAT, "THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE MISINFORMED THE BRITISH ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE ARGENTINIANS TO KNOCK OUT THE DESTROYER SHEFFIELD . . . SOME MILITARY SOURCES IN FRANCE DOUBT THE ACCURACY OF THE ASSURANCES THEIR GOVERNMENT GAVE. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE PLANES AND MISSILES ARE SOLD AS A PACKAGE. THEY ALSO SAY THAT A TEAM OF FRENCH TECHNICIANS TRAINED THEIR ARGENTINIAN COUNTERPARTS TO FIT AND MAINTAIN EXOCET."

EUROPEAN REACTION

4. THE SUNDAY TIMES WRITES THAT PYM "FACED SHARP QUESTIONS

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A FIRM DECISION TO RENEW ANTI-ARGENTINIAN TRADE SANCTIONS

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WHEN THEY FORMALLY EXPIRE A WEEK TOMORROW. HIS MISSION WAS MADE MORE URGENT BY TWO NEW FACTORS: GROWING DOUBTS OVER THE REAL STRENGTH OF U. S. SUPPORT, AND FEARS THAT SOME UNFORESEEN MILITARY DEVELOPMENT COULD PANIC WORLD OPINION INTO DEMANDING A CEASEFIRE WITHOUT SECURING ARGENTINIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ISLANDS."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

5. AS TENSION MOUNTS, AND THE HAWKS AND DOVES AMONG THE PAPERS BECOME MORE CLEARLY DELINEATED, SEVERAL OF THE POPULARS HAVE BEGUN TO ENGAGE IN SOME QUITE VICIOUS ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER. FOLLOWING A STARTLINGLY SAVAGE EDITORIAL IN FRIDAY'S SUN, IN WHICH THE GUARDIAN AND DAILY MIRROR WERE HYSTERICALLY ATTACKED FOR BEING 'SOFT', SOME OF TODAY'S PAPERS CONTINUE TO HURL INSULTS AT EACH OTHER, WITH THE SUNDAY MIRROR SNIPING BACK AT THE SUN AND THE SUNDAY EXPRESS ACCUSING THE BBC OF TREACHERY.

6. IN A MORE MEASURED VEIN, THE QUALITIES ALL OBSERVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS IN FACT CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS 'PARAMOUNTCY' OF THE ISLANDERS' VIEWS, AS WELL AS ON THE QUESTION OF LONG-TERM SOVEREIGNTY. THE SUNDAY TIMES THINKS THAT, "WHETHER OR NOT THIS INVASION OF THE ISLANDS REALLY DOES BECOME INEVITABLE, THE WHOLE

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

TRAGIC AFFAIR WILL HAVE TO END, SOONER OR LATER, AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. FORTUNATELY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS, BY CONSIDERABLY SHIFTING ITS POSITION, MADE THE CONFERENCE PROCESS A MORE FEASIBLE PROPOSITION. THE EMPHASIS IN LONDON IS NO LONGER ON PARAMOUNTCY OF THE ISLANDERS' WISHES OR ON THE RESTORATION OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY. UN TRUSTEESHIP IS NOW SEEN TO BE ACCEPTABLE STATUS ONCE THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE LEFT. HAD THIS MORE REASONABLE STANCE BEEN ADOPTED FROM THE FIRST, THE HAIG MISSION MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME CHANCE OF SUCCESS. AS IT IS, THE MAIN STICKING POINT NOW IS THE RETREAT OF THE ARGENTINIAN FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS, AS A PRIOR CONDITION TO EVERYTHING. EVEN HERE, MR. PYM HAS BACKED AWAY, AND IS TALKING OF 'PARALLEL' WITHDRAWAL."

7. THE OBSERVER, NEANWHILE, BELIEVES THAT, "THE REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION WERE ABOUT THE LAST RESORT - ABOUT WHAT MILITARY MEASURES, IF ANY, BRITAIN SHOULD UNDERTAKE IF IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NEGOTIATIONS ALONE COULD NOT REMOVE THE ARGENTINE FORCES. MR. FOOT PINNED HIS HOPES ON THE UN, AND SO NOW HAS THE GOVERMENT, THOUGH WIRHOUT MUCH CONVICTION, MR. PYM EVEN SEES UN TRUSTEESHIP OVER THE FALKLANDS AS A POSSIBLE ELEMENT OF A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT. BUT WHAT IF, AFTER ALL, THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL FAILS TO GET AN AGREEMENT? IT WON'T BE EASY. WOULD THE LABOR PARTY THEN SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IN AN INVASION OF THE FALKLANDS? IF NOT, HOW ARE THE ARGENTINE FORCES TO BE REMOVED? A LONG BLOCKADE MIGHT BE BRITAIN'S SAFEST OPTION. BUT IT MIGHT ACTUALLY SUIT ARGENTINE STRATEGY TO SIT TIGHT UNTIL WINTER DRIVES THE BRITISH AWAY. IT WOULD THEN BE A WAR OF ATTRITION BETWEEN THOSE ON LAND AND THOSE AT SEA. THERE IS BOUND TO BE INCREASING PRESSURE ON MRS. THATCHER TO TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THIS DILEMMA BY AN EARLY ASSAULT ON THE ISLANDS AS SOON AS REINFORCEMENTS FROM BRITAIN ARRIVE. BUT THIS WOULD BE A DESPARATE VENTURE FORCING MANY PEOPLE TO THE VIEW THAT THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM AND DUR PURPOSE IN THE FALKLANDS, HOWEVER RIGHTEDUS, CANNOT JUSTIFY SUCH A COST IN HUMAN LIFE." LOUIS

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