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TRAVEL TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. WE LEARNED TODAY THAT AN ABC TV TEAM WAS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. WE HAVE STRONGLY ADVISED ABC AGAINST TRAVEL TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BUT THEY WILL PROBABLY GO ANYWAY. THE MINISTER HAS SPOKEN TO HOLMES (STATE DEPARTMENT). THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY THAT, IF ASKED, THEY WILL ADVISE JOURNALISTS AGAINST TRAVEL TO THE FALKLANDS.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE TODAY PUBLICLY ADVISED U S CITIZENS TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS UNLESS THEY HAVE VERY COMPELLING REASONS TO BE THERE. THEY HAVE ALSO ISSUED A WARNING TO U S SHIPPING TO KEEP OUT OF THE MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE.

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