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1. There are no draft contingency plans within the MOD. But they did prepare a paper on the 'implications of Argentine action' (attached) which was to become an annex to an OD paper written within the FCO. The OD paper was ~~desi~~ to be designed to make Ministers appreciate that the Falkland Islands could simply not be defended. Aerial support was impossible, and the Islands are a good 19 days steaming. But the OD paper was never written.

2. UKCICC have been deliberately kept out of any contingency planning; because of the

very sensitive view that  
the Falklands Islands could  
not realistically be supported  
in the event of attack,  
it was thought best to  
keep the whole thing in  
Whitehall,

Yours

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