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PAT BUCHANAN: Dan Damon, who's host of a London call-in show, Nightline, [is with us].

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BUCHANAN: You're on WRC.

MAN: I would like to congratulate the British on their victory, but I would also like to ask, in the sweetness and exuberance of victory, that, oh, I'd say, a couple months ago there was a stirring within the House of Commons as to an investigation about why the British got caught, as the Yankees say, with their britches down, why this even happened in the first place. Is that going to continue?

DAN DAMON: Do you think, then, that we were not in someway done a disservice by your lack of information, your lack of intelligence at the time? We would have perhaps reacted quicker if we'd known more of what's going on.

BUCHANAN: You mean you're blaming the Americans for not informing you that the Argentines were going to take your islands?

DAMON: We have a suspicion that you knew more than we knew.

TOM BRADEN: I doubt that. Why did you then sack Lord Carrington?

DAMON: Well, yes. Obviously, there are heads that have to roll in that kind of diplomatic embarrassment. But

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nevertheless -- well, let's talk about intelligence, then, in the conflict itself. Because it's surprising to us here that there were so many Argentine troops on the island. Has it not been the case that your intelligence services have been holding back information to an ally, ourselves?

BUCHANAN: Excuse me, but you people were fighting the Argentines down there. It'd seem to me that it would be more your responsibility than our responsibility to count noses on the island.

DAMON: Except that you're in charge of some of the most sophisticated equipment, intelligence equipment.

BUCHANAN: Well, I mean, you had people who were apparently two miles away from Stanley and couldn't count those 15,000 Argentine troops. Our satellites are more than two miles high, I think. I mean are you blaming the United States for that failure too?

DAMON: It would have been nice to know. And we do think -- a lot of people think that you know.