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SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS - LETTER TO EDITOR OF INTER-NATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE TODAY CARRIES LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE TEXT: GEN. GALTIERI - DOES THE BRITISH GOVERN-MENT NOT KNOW THAT GENERAL GALTIERI VISITED WASHINGTON THREE TIMES PRIOR TO HIS OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT VIOLA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE PENTAGON FOR THE FALKLANDS TAKEDVER? THIS WAS GALTIFRI'S PRICE FOR OVERTHROWING THE VIOLA REGIME, WHICH WASHIGTON CONSIDERED A DANGER TO THE STABILITY OF THE SOUTHERN CONE DUE TO ITS PLANS FOR ELECTIONS WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF PERONISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT. MICHAEL T. WELLS. LONDON. END TEXT. 2. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO QUICKLY CAP THIS SCURRILOUS ALLEGATION. THE TRIB CLOSES ITS EDITORIAL PAGE AGOUT 1600 LOCAL TIME TODAY FOR ITS WEEKEND EDITION APPEARING TOMORROW. WE RECOMMEND THAT LETTER TO EDITOR FROM PARIS PRESS ATTACHE BE DELIVERED IN TIME TO APPEAR IN TOMURROW'S TRIB. SUGGESTED TEXT WOULD BE: MICHAEL T. WELLS! LETTER (IHT, APRIL 16) ALLEGES THAT GENERAL GALTIERI DE ARGENTINA VISITED WASHINGTON PRIOR TO HIS OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT VIOLA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN U.S. APPROVAL "FOR THE FALKLANDS TAKEDVER". WHILE GENERAL GALTIERI DID INDEED VISIT WASHINGTON, THE SCURRILOUS ALLEGATION THAT HE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ARGENTINIAN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WITH ANY ELEMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION.

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3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO DELIVER LETTER AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 TO TRIB. TODAY. GALBRAITH BT #3376
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E.D. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, FA, TO, UK, AR

SUBJ: PRESIDENT EYADEMA MAKES PROPOSAL CONCERNING

FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALDUINES)

1. PRESIDENT EYADEMA RECEIVED ARGENTINE AMB. MARCELLO DELPECH, RESIDENT IN DAKAR, THURSDAY, APRIL 15. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING AMBASSADOR DELPECH TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT THE ARGENTINE POSITION CONCERNING THE FALKLAND ISLAND CRISIS TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA.

2. THE AMB. ADDED THAT SOMETIMES THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS EXAGERATES CERTAIN ASPECTS OR POINTS OUT SOME ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION THAT ARE NEGATIVE FOR HIS COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE A FRIENDLY COUNTRY LIKE TOGO TO BE DIRECTLY INFORMED OF THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE.

3. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH AMB. DELPECH, PRESIDENT EYADEMA PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AS A SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS.

(A) THAT THE ARGENTINE FORCES WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 502 OF APRIL 3, 1982.

(B) THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SEND A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE TO REPLACE THE ARGENTINE FORCE SO THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY CONTINUE ITS NEGOTIATIONS IN A CLIMATE OF PEACE AND CONFIDENCE. HICKS

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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 15 TV NEWSCASTS

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY STOESSEL/TODEP 20058

1. FALKLANDS - LATE THIS AFTERNOON, PRESIDENT GALTIERI PHONED PRESIDENT REAGAN TO TALK ABOUT THE CRISIS. THE PRESIDENT SAID THIS COUNTRY REMAINS WHULEHEARTEDLY COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE, AND GALTIERI REAFFIRMED TO REAGAN HIS PERSONAL DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL SULUTION. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

HAIG'S RETURN HERE TONIGHT COMES AS ARGENTINIANS ARE READING STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ THAT HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THE TALKS. AND THREE LOCAL NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED TUDAY THAT A PART OF THE FLEET HAVE LEFT THEIR PORTS, BUT THE NAVY HAS ISSUED A DENIAL.

THIS MORNING, COSTA MENDEZ TRIED TO CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION ABOUT WHETHER THE GOVT HERE HAD INVITED HAIG TO RETURN, OR HE HAD INVITED HIMSELF. CUSTA MENDEZ SAID "IT IS NOT EXACTLY A DIRECT INVITATION FROM THE GOVT, THE OFFER TO COME HERE CAME FROM MR. HAIG, SO CONSEQUENTLY THE GOVT

INVITED HIM.

THESE SCENES, SHOWED PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHOW A BUILDUP OF ATTACK HELICOPTERS AND OTHERS THAT CAN RANGE MORE THAN 100 MILES DUT TO SEA. ARMURED CARRIERS THAT ARE HEAVILY CAMBUFLAGED, DITHERS THAT ARE DUGGED

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INTO THE SAND DUNES, TANKS POSITIONED TO MEET ANY INVADERS.

DESPITE THE CONTINUING MILITARY BUILDUP, DESPITE THE WIDESPREAD SKEPTICISM THAT WAS EVIDENT EARLIER TODAY, A SOURCE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT GALTIERI TOLD ABC NEWS TONIGHT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS OPTIMISTIC. THAT THE ARGENTINIAN LEADERS WOULD NOT HAVE INVITED HAIG BACK IF THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT HE WAS BRINGING USEFUL PROPOSALS THAT THEY COULD EXPLORE WITH HIM. TO HAVE DONE SO AND THEN TO HAVE SENT HIM BACK EMPTYHANDED WOULD HAVE PROVED INTENSELY EMBARRASSING TO HAIG, AND PERHAPS EMBARRASSING TO THE ARGENTINIAN LEADERS ARE WELL. (SANDER VANOCUR, BUENDS AIRES)

- 2. FROM LONDON THE BRITISH MILITARY COMMAND SAYS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINIAN NAVY HAVE PUT TO SEA. IT IS NOT BELIEVED HERE THAT ARGENTINA IS PREPARING TO ENTER THE WAR ZONE GIVEN WHAT THE CHIEF OF STAFF CALLED BRITISH RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY.
- 3. PHANTOM SUBMARINES AMERICAN SOURCES SAY THAT THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN ENFORCING THEIR BLOCKADE OF THE FALKLANDS, SINCE THE BEGINNING, WITH A PHANTOM FLEET UF SUBMARINES. DESPITE RUMORS CIRCULATED BY THE BRITISH THAT THE ROYAL NAVY HAS HAD UNE, PERHAPS TWO, SUBMARINES IN THOSE WATERS FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, AMERICAN SOURCES SAY THEY HAVE HAD NONE--THAT THE FIRST BRITISH SUB COULD BE COMPLETING THE 8,000 MILE JOURNEY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES ONLY TODAY. NONETHELESS, WITH THE SURFACE FLEET STILL THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, THE MERE RUMUR THAT SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN THERE ALL ALONG APPEARS TO HAVE DONE THE TRICK. ARGENTINA'S MAJOR WARSHIPS HAVE REMAINED IN PORT FOR THE LAST FOUR DAYS. AND THERE MAY BE OTHER EXAMPLES. RUMORS THAT BRITAIN WILL FIRST RECAPTURE SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND AND USE IT AS A STEPPING STONE. WHICH ISLAND SHOULD ARGENTINA DEFEND? NEWS LEAKS THAT ON BRITAIN'S MID-ATLANTIC ISLAND OF ASENCION, THEY HAVE MASSED ENORMOUS RESERVES OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT, ALL TO BE USED FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT. BUT WILL THE BRITISH REALLY TRY TO TAKE THE ISLANDS OVER THE BEACHES. IT IS ALL DESIGNED TO CONFUSE AND INTIMIDATE THE ENEMY PREVENTING A COHERENT DEFENSE. (JOHN MCWETHY, PENTAGON)
- 4. STUESSEL MISSION IN JERUSALEM, DEPUTY SECRETARY

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STOESSEL TRIED TO KEEP ISRAEL'S FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE SINAI ON SCHEDULE. HE MET WITH ISRAELI DEFENSE
MINISTER SHARON WHO WAS JUST BACK FROM A ONE DAY TRIP
TO CAIRD. MR. SHARON SAID THE EGYPTIANS HAD ASSURED HIM
THEY WOULD RESOLVE ISRAEL'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEACEKEEPING
VIOLATIONS. MR. STOESSEL SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THERE
WOULD BE A GOOD OUTCOME. (PETER JENNINGS)

HERE IN CAIRO IT'S A LITTLE AS IF THE EGYPTIANS WERE AWAITING A CHECK IN THE MAIL WITH A LAST MINUTE NERVOUS FEAR THAT THE POST OFFICE MIGHT LOSE IT. TODAY, ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTER CAME TO CAIRO TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THIS WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK. HE LEFT--PRUMISING NOTHING, SAYING NOTHING. SO, THERE IS A LOT OF LAST MINUTE MANEUVERING TRYING TO AVOID WHAT WOULD BE IF IT HAPPENED, A TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS. THE EGYPT-IAN GOVT'S VIEW IS THAT IF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS COLLAPSED, THE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD LAUGH AND SAY WE TOLD YOU SO.

- 5. BEIRUT RIVAL MILITIAS HAVE USED HEAVY ARTILLIERY ROCKETS, AND MORTARS DURING THE CAPITAL'S WORST VIOLENCE SINCE LAST SUMMER. AT LEAST 27 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND SEVERAL CEASEFIRES HAVE ALL COLLAPSED. (PETER JENNINGS)
- 6. MILITARY ACCORD/W. GERMANY IN WEST GERMANY TODAY,
 A NEW MILITARY ACCORD WITH THE U.S. IT CALLS FOR THE
 U.S. TO DOUBLE ITS NUMBER OF TROOPS IN WEST GERMANY DURING
 A WAR OR A CRISIS. (PETER JENNINGS)
- 7. QUEEN VISITS CANADA WHILE SHE RETAINS HER SOVEREIGNTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH IS GIVING UP PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL OVER CANADA. GRANTING CANADA ITS OWN CONSTITUTION.
- B. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS
- 1. FALKLANDS IN A PHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT GALTIERI,
 PRESIDENT REAGAN IS QUOTED AS ASKING GALTIERI TO
 EXERCISE RESTRAINT. (ROGER MUDD)

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ TOLD REPORTERS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG HAD IN EFFECT INVITED HIM-SELF BACK TO BUENOS AIRES. BUT HE DECLINED TO COMMENT PAGE 1 - 327 SITUATION LISTING

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UN THE NEW IDEAS THAT HAIG SAID HE WAS BRINGING WITH HIM. OTHER OFFICIALS SAID THE DUTLOUK FOR THE HAIG MISSION WAS DECIDEDLY GLOOMY. DIPLOMACY IS CLEARLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME AND THE FEELING HERE IS THAT IF HAIG DOFS NOT GET SOME SORT OF NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON THIS VISITTHEN THE TALKING WILL STUP AND THE SHOOTING WILL START.

THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHOUTING ARE GOING FULL SPEED AHEAD. ARGENTINE NAVY GUN BOATS HAVE LEFT PORT AND ARE PATROLLING THE WATERS NEAR RIO GALAGUS (SP), ONE OF THE MAIN PORTS BEING USED TO POUR MILITARY SUPPLIES BY AIR INTO THE FALKLANDS. THE MILITARY BUILDUP EXTENDS EVEN TO SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE BRITISH FLEET'S FIRST OBJECTIVE. IF FIGHTING ACTUALLY BREAKS OUT, ARGENTINE MILITARY LEADERS ARE PLANNING ON AIR SUPERIORITY. FURTHER SOUTH, A SOVIET DCEANOGRAPHIC SHIP IS ACTIVE OFF ARGENTINA'S SOUTHERNMOST COAST. THIS SHIP IS BELIEVED TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SUPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC GEAR TO PROVIDE ARGENTINA WITH INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON BRITISH MOVEMENT. THE BRITISH FLEET IS NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE NEXT WEEK. (RICHARD VALIER-ANI)

BOTH AP AND UPI ARE REPORTING THAT SEVERAL ARGENTINE WARSHIPS, AMONG THEM THE DNLY CARRIER, THREE SUBMARINES, A CRUISER, AND TWO DESTRUYERS HAVE LEFT THEIR BASE ON THE MAINLAND AND ARE HEADING SOUTH. (ROGER MUDD)

2. EEC EMBARGO - REPRESENTATIVES FROM 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TODAY AGREED TO BAN ARGENTINE IMPORTS. ARGENTINE BEEF IS ONE OF THE PRODUCTS ENDANGERED BY THE EMBARGO. LAST YEAR WESTERN EUROPE BOUGHT MORE THAN \$2 BILLION WORTH OF ARGENTINE GOODS, THE FOURTH OF EVERYTHING ARGENTINE SOLD ABROAD. THE EMBARGO COULD LEAVE THE ARGENTINES DEPENDENT ON THE SOVIET UNION TO BUY THEIR GRAIN, BUT THEY CANNOT COUNT EVEN ON THE SOVIETS WHO FOUND THEY CAN GET A CHEAPER PRICE FROM THE U.S. NOR CAN ARGENTINA BORRUW ITS WAY OUT OF TROUBLE. ARGENTINA ALREADY DWES \$32 BILLIUN. THE US HAS NOT JOINED THE EMBARGO AGAINST ARGENTINA. IF DIPLOMACY FAILS AND THE SHOOTING STARTS, THE UK WILL INSIST THAT THE U.S. WAGE ECONOMIC WAR AGAINST ARGENTINA. (JOHN COCHRAN)

C. CBS EVENING NEWS

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1. FALKLAND ISLANDS - SECRETARY HAIG ARRIVES IN BUENDS AIRES TONIGHT IN LAST DITCH EFFORT TO AVERT FURTHER CONFRONTATION AND POSSIBLE COMBAT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HAIG IN EFFECT ASKED ARGENTINA TO INVITE HIM BACK TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT HIS MISSION WILL NOT BE EASY. BOTH BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA TODAY STEPPED UP THEIR WAR PREP-ARATIONS. SOVIET UNION NOW MAKING ITS PRESENCE FELT. SOVIET SHIPS PROVIDING UNDFFICIAL SHUTTLE ESCORT FOR BRITISH ARMADA. (DAN RATHER)

RUSSIANS CONTINUING TO SHADOW BRITISH TASK FORCE AS IT STEAMS SOUTH. AS BRITISH MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT CONTIN-UED ITS RAPID MOBILIZATION FOR COMBAT, AIR FORCE CARRIER PILOTS PRACTICED SIMULATED AIRCRAFT CARRIER TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS AT AIRFIELD IN BRITAIN. NAVY NURSES BOARDED HERCULES TRANSPORT FOR GIBRALTAR WHERE THEY WILL JOIN ANOTHER LINER UNDERGOING QUICK CONVERSION TO HOSPITAL SHIP. SURVEY CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT BRITAIN BY THE LONDON "ECONOMIST" MAGAZINE SHOWED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MILIT-ARY ACTION. 83 APPROVE SENDING THE TASK FORCE; 67 WOULD APPROVE LANDING BRITISH TRUOPS ON FALKLANDS; ONLY 52 FAVORED SINKING ARGENTINE SHIPS. PRIME MINISTER THATCHER SPENT 2 HOURS AT BRIEFING AT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WHERE OFFICIALS SAID SOME ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE FLEET MAY HAVE SAILED TOWARD THE FALKLANDS. MINISTRY SAID NO MAJOR ARGENTINE SHIPS HAVE YET PENETRATED WAR ZONE THAT BRITAIN DECLARED AROUND THE ISLANDS. (TOM FENTUN)

THIS MORNING FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ, USUALLY ONE OF MOST MILD-MANNERED OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ARGEN-TINA, WAS AS DOWNBEAT AS HE HAS EVER BEEN. THE EPISODE, HE TOLD REPORTERS, HAS BECOME LIKE A CHAPTER IN A SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL. AS FOR PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, HE SAID, "WHAT I THINK OF MRS. THATCHER COULD NOT BE SAID PUBLICLY." AND AS FOR HAIG'S COMING THERE, HE SAID, "IT WAS NOT EXACTLY AN INVITATION DIRECTLY FROM DUR GOVERN-MENT." BUT WHEN HAIG OFFERED TO RETURN, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SAID HE COULD "COME IF HE WISHED." BUT THAT WAS THIS MORNING. THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER ANOTHER DAY OF URGENT MEETINGS, COSTA MENDEZ SURPRISED REPORTERS WITH A MORE UPBEAT ASSESSMENT. (FOOTAGE OF COSTA MENDEZ STATE-MENT: "(UNINTELLIGIBLE) THE SECRETARY, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE VERY FRUITFUL TALKS TOMORROW, AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIS INTERVENTION.") ALTHOUGH NO ONE UNDERESTIMATES BY A LONGSHUT THE DIFFICULTY OF THE

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COSTA MENDEZ DOES SUGGEST THERE IS STILL AT LEAST A GLIMMER OF HOPE THAT SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CAN STILL BE SALVAGED. EVEN SU, THE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR CONTINUED. THE RED CROSS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ORGANIZE A VOLUNTEER CORPS, AND THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD A BLACKOUT REHEARSAL IN BUENOS AIRES SOON. AND AT VERY TIP OF ARGENTINA A RUSSIAN RESEARCH VESSEL (FISHING) HAD BEEN DUCKED UNTIL YESTERDAY -- A REMINDER OF THE STAKES INVOLVED AND HOW COMPLICATED ALL THIS COULD BECOME IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL. BECAUSE OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, THIS IS KIND OF SHIP RUSSIANS USE FOR ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING AND COMMUNICATIONS JAMMING. (BOB SCHIEFFER)

LATE THIS AFTERNOON ARGENTINE PRESIDENT GALTIERI CALLED PRESIDENT REAGAN. GALTIERI REAFFIRMED HIS DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL RESULUTION OF THE FALKLAND DISPUTE. MR. REAGAN CALLED FUR FLEXIBILITY AND RESTRAINT. (DAN RATHER)

- 2. NICARAGUA A HERD OF NICARAGUA'S 1979 REVOLUTION THAT TOPPLED SOMOZA REGIME WAS EBAN PASTORE (PHONETIC), KNOWN AS "COMMANDER ZERO". HE DISAPPEARED 10 MONTHS AGO, BUT REAPPEARED TODAY IN CUSTA RICA AND DENOUNCED THE LEFTIST GOVERNMENT HE HELPED INSTALL. HE SAID HE WILL NOT REST UNTIL HIS HOMELAND IS FREE OF FOREIGN SOLDIERS, AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO SOVIET AND CUBAN ADVISORS. (DAN RATHER)
- 3. BREZHNEV SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN IS QUOTED IN MUSCOW TONIGHT AS SAYING BREZHNEV MAY HAVE SUFFERED A STROKE. THE PHYSICIAN REPORTEDLY TOLD THIS TO A VISITING GROUP OF SCIENTISTS. (DAN RATHER)
- 4. BILLY GRAHAM SPEAKS DUT AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS BILLY GRAHAM IS ON THE STUMP AGAIN. THE THEME IS NEW. STILL WANTS TO SAVE SOULS, BUT HE NOW SPEAKS DUT AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE SUPPORTS FREEZING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES, BUT WANTS TO GO FURTHER AND DESTROY THEM, TODAY GRAHAM SAYS HIS DOUBTS HAD BEGUN STIRRING EVEN DURING THE JOHNSON AND NIXON ADMINISTRATIONS. (FOOTAGE UF GRAHAM INTERVIEW COMMENTS: "AS I WAS BRIEFED FROM TIME TO TIME ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, I BECAME VERY RESTLESS IN MY HEART ... ABOUT IT UNTIL I BECAME CONVINCED THAT IT WAS A CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY ON MY PART TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT IT. I COULD NO LONGER BE

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SILENT ABOUT SOMETHING THAT CAN DESTROY THE WHOLE PLANET.") SO HE IS SPEAKING DUT ON THIS COLLEGE TOUR, AND NEXT MONTH IN MOSCOW AS AN OBSERVER AT A SUVIET SPONSORED PEACE CONFERENCE WHERE HE EXPECTS TO DELIVER THE SAME MESSAGE. (BRUCE MURTON) EAGLEBURGER BT #1883 NNNN

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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 15 "ABC NIGHTLINE"

1. SANDER VANDOUR REPORT - HAIG RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES TONIGHT TO AN ATMOSPHERE SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN IT WAS THIS MORNING. HAIG SPOKE OF OPPORTUNITIES AND DIFFI-CULTIES THAT CONFRONT ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. (FOOTAGE OF HAIG STATEMENT: "A SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE FLEXIBLE APPROACHES BY BOTH SIDES -- NOT AN ABANDONMENT OF PRINCIPLE BUT RATHER A IMPORTANT DEGREE OF DEFENSIBLE FLEXIBILITY. IT IS CLEAR TONIGHT THAT THE TASK WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT THE STAKES ARE SO GREAT THAT THEY DEMAND THE ULTIMATE EFFORT ON THE PART OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.") ONE HOUR BEFORE HAIG ARRIVED COSTA MENDEZ WAS APPEARING ON NATIONAL TELEVISION, EXPRESSING UPTIMISM. FULLOWING THE PROGRAM HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY ARC NEWS.

Q: YOU SAID YOU HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

A: YES, I DO HAVE CONFIDENCE -- FULL CONFIDENCE -- IN THE UNITED STATES AS A FRIEND, AS AN ALLY.

Q: AND SECONDLY YOU ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVING ANY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

FROM THE SOVIET UNION. IS THAT CORRECT? (NO VERBAL RESPONSE FROM COSTA MENDEZ) THE THIRD THING (UNINTELL-IGIBLE) VERY FASCINATING IS THAT YOU SAID THAT SECRETARY HAIG COMING DOWN WITH PROPOSALS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. DID YOU SAY HE WOULD NOT RETURN WITH EMPTY HANDS, OR YOU WOULD NOT WANT HIM TO RETURN --

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A: I WISH THAT HE WON'T RETURN WITH EMPTY HANDS.

Q:YOU SAID THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT NEXT 3 DAYS, OR 2 DAYS.

A: (UNINTELLIGIBLE) VERY DIFFICULT 1-2-3 OR MORE, WHO KNOWS?

THE OBSTACLES TO A SOLUTION ARE STILL ENORMOUS, AND PRUDENCE DICTATES THAT WHATEVER OPTIMISM THERE IS IN THE AIR TONIGHT THAT IT BE MEASURED AND CAUTIOUS.

2. JOHN LAURENCE REPORT - THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS TRY-ING TO FORCE ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY APPLYING ECONOMIC PRESSURE IN COMBINATION WITH DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ACTION. SO FAR, BRITAIN HAS TAKEN THESE STEPS: IT HAS FROZEN \$1.4 BILLION WORTH OF ARGENTINIAN ASSETS IN BRITISH BANKS: IT HAS SLAPPED AN EMBARGO UN TRADE WITH ARGENTINA WORTH A MODEST \$500 MIL-LION A YEAR; IT HAS TRIED TO BLOCK ANY NEW LUANS TO ARGENTINA BY BRITISH BANKS. THOSE SANCTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO TIGHTEN THE FINANCIAL SCREWS UN ARGENTINA'S ALREADY TROUBLED FCONOMY. WITH INFLATION ABOVE 100 AND ITS CENTRAL BANK SERIOUSLY SHORT OF MONEY, BUENDS AIRES IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST BORROWERS IN THE WORLD. WITH AMERICAN BANKS HOLDING LOANS TO ARGENTINA WORTH \$9 BILLION, AND BRITISH BANKS ANOTHER \$5.8 BILLIUN, A COLLAPSE BY ARGEN-TINA COULD THREATEN NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL BANKS BUT THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM ITSELF. ANOTHER SANCTION THAT THREATENS TO CRIPPLE ARGENTINA ECONOMICALLY IS TRADE WITH BRITAIN'S PARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET. ABOUT DNE-FOURTH OF ARGENTINA'S EXPORTS ARE BOUGHT BY COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES. THOSE EXPORTS PROVIDE ARGEN-TINA WITH A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE OF ITS FOREIGN CURRENCY-MONEY IT NEEDS TO PAY ITS DEBTS TO THE BANKS. STARTING TOMORROW A DNE MONTH EMBARGO ON ARGENTINIAN GOODS GOES INTO EFFECT IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. BUT THE SWORD IS CUTTING BOTH WAYS. THE CRISIS HAS SENT THE BRITISH STOCK MARKET INTO A SHARP DECLINE. SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES HAVE RISEN. THE VALUE OF THE POUND STERLING IS FALLING; LAST WEEK THE POUND HIT ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN RELATION TO THE DULLAR IN FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

BRITISH ECONOMISTS ARE CONCERNED THAT A CONTINUED DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF THE POUND WILL PUSH UP INTEREST RATES, INCREASE THE COST OF IMPORTS AND TRIGGER A NEW ROUND OF

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INFLATION JUST AS BRITAIN'S SLOW ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS GETTING UNDERWAY. BUT AS A BRITISH ECONOMIST POINTS DUT, IF ARGENTINA IS DETERMINED TO HOLD ON TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TO THE POINT OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN AN ALL OUT NAVAL WAR WITH BRITAIN, THE ECONOMIC WAR WILL BE LEFT IN THE WAKE. EAGLEBURGER BT #2205 NNNN

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