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INFO SOUTH ATLANTIC SITREP COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE
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CINCSO FOR INTAFF, CINCLANT FOR POLAD, ROME FOR VATICAN
E.O. 12065: GDS 6-15-88 (KEANE, JF) OR-P
TAGS: PBOR, UK, AR, FA
SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC CRISIS: GALTIERI'S SPEECH

1. GALTIERI'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 15 (FBIS WILL CARRY THE TEXT) WAS DEFIANT AND THREATENING. THE PRESIDENT, WHO APPEARED 40 MINUTES AFTER THE SPEECH'S ANNOUNCED DELIVERY TIME, REPEATED THE NATIONALISTIC, TOUGH AND TIRED SLOGANS THAT HE AND OTHER MILITARY CHIEFS HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG: ARGENTINA'S VALIANT SOLDIERS UPHELD NATIONAL HONOR AND DIGNITY IN AN UNEQUAL FIGHT AGAINST A MAJOR POWER SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES. GALTIERI CALLED ON THE BRITISH TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. OTHERWISE, ARGENTINA WILL CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE UNTIL ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS IS RECOGNIZED AND EFFECTED. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT MEANS WOULD BE USED, I.E., WHETHER ARGENTINA WOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESS THE ISSUE MILITARILY, BUT HE DID NOT

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

RULE IT OUT.

2. THE SECOND MOST TELLING PART OF THE ADDRESS WAS DIRECTED AT ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL CRITICS. INVOKING ALLEGED NATIONAL UNITY THAT THE FALKLANDS CAUSE HAS FORGED, HE ISSUED BLUNT WARNINGS THAT NO DIVISIVENESS OR QUESTIONING WOULD BE TOLERATED. THERE WILL BE NO ROOM IN THE "NEW ARGENTINA" FOR THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN SPECULATION, DEFEATISM, DEMOGOGY, EXPLOITATION OF "THE WOUNDS AND EMOTIONS" OF THE PEOPLE, OR FAIL TO JOIN THE NATION IN ITS MARCH FORWARD.

3. BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF QUESTIONING. THE EVENING OF JUNE 15 AT 7 PM, GALTIERI WAS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS A CROWD -- WHICH THE GOA CLAIMS IT CONVOKED FOR THE OCCASION, BUT IN FACT HAS BEEN THERE ALL DAY PROTESTING THE FALKLAND'S SURRENDER--

AT THE PLAZA DE MAYO IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. AT 7:30 THE GOA ANNOUNCED THAT GALTIERI WAS PREVENTED FROM SPEAKING BY "A GROUP OF AGITATORS WHO SHOUTED OBSCENE SLOGANS AND INSULTS AND WHO SET FIRES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE PLAZA DE MAYO." THE CROWD HAD TO BE BROKEN UP WITH TEAR GAS. BUT WE SUSPECT GALTIERI'S INTENDED AUDIENCE WAS NOT SUCH ORDINARY DEMONSTRATORS. RATHER, HE WAS SPEAKING TO THOSE WHO ARE DRIVEN LESS BY EMOTION THAN AMBITION, PARTICULARLY POLITICIANS AND HIS COMRADES-IN-ARMS. SHLAUDEMAN

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FOR AMBASSADOR
E.O. 12065: RDS-1 6-17-02 (ENDERS, T.O.)
TAGS: UK, AR, FA
SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE TROOPS

INFLUENCE LIMITED AT BEST, BUT BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT YOU ALSO GET THIS MESSAGE TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. IN SO DOING, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE SIMPLY CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM THE UK TO THE GOA AND YOU SHOULD NOT PRESSURE THE ARGENTINES TO AGREE. PERHAPS ARMA OR ALUSNA WOULD BE BEST CHANNEL.

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1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN GOA AGREEMENT PERMITTING REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE TROOPS TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA OR, ALTERNATIVELY, PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE, RATHER THAN TO MONTEVIDEO. THE EMBASSY SAYS THE CANBERRA WILL BE READY TO SAIL WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND TROOPS WITHIN TEN HOURS AND THE UK MAY SEND OTHERS ON ANOTHER SHIP. THE MONTEVIDEO DESTINATION WOULD ADD SUBSTANTIAL DELAY, AND CONSEQUENT HARDSHIP FOR ARGENTINES INVOLVED.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. THE UK HAS MADE A SIMILAR REQUEST TO THE SWISS AND BRAZILIANS AND IS APPRISING CHILE RE THE POSSIBLE USE OF PUNTA ARENAS. THE EMBASSY STRESSES THAT THE UK SEEKS HELP EXPLAINING TO THE GOA THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES OF GOING TO MONTEVIDEO. WHILE AN ARGENTINE PLEDGE OF SAFE CONDUCT FOR THE SHIPS IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BY THE BRITISH, THE INSTRUCTION FROM LONDON SUGGESTS THAT THE IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS IS BEING UNDERTAKEN IRRESPECTIVE OF A LARGER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR TAKACS OF HMG REQUEST AND URGED FAVORABLE GOA DECISION ON USE OF ARGENTINE OR -- IF REFUSED -- CHILEAN PORT. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT PROSPECTS NOT GOOD, AND OUR

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Z 171435Z JUN 82
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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

EO 12065: RDS-3 6/17/82 (SHLAUDEMAM, HARRY W.) OR-M

TAGS: PBOR, MILI, UK, FA, AR

SUBJECT: BRITISH EFFORT TO OBTAIN CEASEFIRE

REF: SECURE TELECON

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HEARD OF WHAT I WAS SAYING.
I UNDERSTOOD PRACTICALLY NOTHING OF WHAT YOU SAID.

3. TO SUM UP, THE PROBLEM IN THE JUNTA IS NOT
ONE OF INDECISION BUT RATHER A CALCULATED DECISION
TO STONEWALL. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANAYA AND LAMI DOZO TOLD
GALTIERI YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE FULL AND SOLE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AGREEMENT TO END HOSTILITIES.
GALTIERI TOLD THE CABINET YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD NOT RPT
NOT AUTHORIZED MENENDEZ TO SURRENDER AND DID NOT SUPPORT
THE AGREEMENT THAT UNFORTUNATE GENERAL MADE WITH THE BRITISH.
WE NOW HAVE THE REPORT FROM LONDON THAT THE GOA HAS
REFUSED TO RECEIVE THE ARGENTINE PRISONERS OF WAR
IN ARGENTINE PORTS.

4. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE BRITISH HAVE
NOTHING TO GAIN BY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A FORMAL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

CEASEFIRE IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. THE PRESS REPORTS
THAT 10 OF 12 ACTIVE-DUTY MAJOR GENERALS IN THE ARMY
VOTED YESTERDAY IN EFFECT AGAINST CONTINUING THE
CONFLICT. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HERE IS IN DEEP
CRISIS AND I DOUBT THAT MUCH SUPPORT CAN BE FOUND
IN THE MILITARY INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG THE GENERAL
PUBLIC FOR CARRYING ON THE FIGHT. IN ANY EVENT,
GIVEN GALTIERI'S DEMONSTRATED MORAL COWARDICE, AND
AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, AN AGREEMENT WITH HIM WOULDN'T
BE WORTH MUCH TO THE BRITISH.
SHLAUDEMAM

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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4191

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NODIS
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS
EO 12065: RDS-1 6/17/02 (SHLAUDEMANN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: MILI, UK, FA, AR
SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE TROOPS
REF: STATE 167816

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, I CALLED AMBASSADOR GUSTAVO FIGUEROA. HE TOLD ME THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS WORKING FOR AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE CANBERRA TO PROCEED TO PUERTO MADRYN IN ARGENTINA. FIGUEROA BELIEVED THE MINISTRY WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN PUTTING ITS CASE TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE ADDED THAT PUERTO MADRYN WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE TO PUNTA ARENAS FROM THE MINISTRY'S POINT OF VIEW.

3. WE WILL TRY TO PASS THIS SAME MESSAGE ON TO THE MILITARY BUT, GIVEN THE GREAT CONFUSION AT THE MOMENT IN THAT QUARTER, IT MAY-BE DIFFICULT.
SHLAUDEMANN

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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 4175

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USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA
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CINCSO FOR INTAFF
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ROME FOR VATICAN
E. O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, UK, AR, FA
SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC CIRSI: SITREP AS OF 1615 LOCAL JUNE 17
LOCAL WIRE SERVICE DYN IS REPORTING AT 1615 LOCAL
TIME THAT FIRST CORPS COMMANDER GENERAL CRISTINO NICOLAIDES
WILL REPLACE GALTIERI AS ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF TOMORROW
MORNING, ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES. THIS DECISION REPORT-
EDLY WAS TAKEN BY SENIOR ARMY GENERALS THIS MORNING. ACCORD-
ING TO THE SOURCES CITED BY DYN THE GENERALS OFFERED
THE CINC JOB TO ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF JOSE ANTONIO
VAQUERO FIRST, NEXT IN LINE OF COMMAND AFTER GALTIERI,
BUT HE TURNED IT DOWN. WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION
OF THIS REPORT. DYN HAS NOT REPORTED WHO WOULD REPLACE GALTIERI
AS PRESIDENT, PRESUMING THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. SHLAUDEMAN

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USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA
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UNCLAS BUENOS AIRES 3662
CINCSO FOR INTAFF, CINCLANT FOR POLAD, ROME FOR VATICAN
E. O. 12065: GDS N/A
TAGS: PBOR, UK, AR, FA
SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC CRISIS: SITREP AS OF 5:00 LOCAL JUNE 17

1. DNY WIRE SERVICES REPORTS AT 4:45 P. M. THAT GALTIERI WILL BE REPLACED AS PRESIDENT TEMPORARILY BY THE CURRENT MINISTER OF INTERIOR GENERAL ALFREDO SAINT JEAN, ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES. HOWEVER, ANSA WIRE SERVICE REPORTED MOMENTS LATER HAT AFCINC LAMI SOZO WILL ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY.

2. ACCORDING TO DYN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL JOSE VAQUERO INFORMED GALTIERI THAT THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMY HAS REQUESTED HIS RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT AND GALTIERI WILL PRESENT THAT RESIGNATION TO THE MILITARY JUNTA. ACCORDING TO DYN, GENERAL SAINT JEAN WILL TAKE OVER UNTIL THE JUNTA CHOSSES A NEW PRESIDENT. DYN ALSO REPORTS THAT GALTIERI IS CONVOKING THE CABINET MINISTERS TO REQUEST THAT THEY CONTINUE IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

UNTIL THE NEW PRESIDENT IS NAMED.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND ANSA REPORTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DYN REPORT THAT LAMI DOZO, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA (THE PRESIDENCY OF THE JUNTA ROTATES EVERY 3 MONTHS) WILL ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC, ALTHOUGH ANSA DOES NOT INDICATE WHEN LAMI DOZO WOULD ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES.

4. AT 5:05 P. M. THE ARMY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT GALTIERI HAS OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION AS ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND THAT CRISTINO NICOLAIDES WILL ASSUME THE CINC JOB TOMORROW MORNING.
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VOTED YESTERDAY IN EFFECT AGAINST CONTINUING THE
CONFLICT. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HERE IS IN DEEP
CRISIS AND I DOUBT THAT MUCH SUPPORT CAN BE FOUND
IN THE MILITARY INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG THE GENERAL
PUBLIC FOR CARRYING ON THE FIGHT. IN ANY EVENT,
GIVEN GALTIERI'S DEMONSTRATED MORAL COWARDICE, AND
AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, AN AGREEMENT WITH HIM WOULDNT
BE WORTH MUCH TO THE BRITISH.
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WE DO THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THE EVENTS OF THIS TURBULENT DAY MEAN THAT THE MODERATES IN THE ARMY HAVE THE UPPER HAND AND THAT THE RISK OF RENEWED COMBAT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IS CLEARLY RECEDING.
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TAGS: PDEV, PGOV, PINS, PINT, AR
SUBJECT: GALTIERI'S DEMISE

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).
2. GALTIERI WAS DUMPED OVER THE SIDE FASTER THAN I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE. THE REASONS:
 - HE LIED AND COVERED UP IN DEALING WITH THE COURSE OF THE CONFLICT FROM BEGINNING TO END. HE DECEIVED MUCH OF THE OFFICER CORPS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE TRUTH WHEN IT EMERGED AFTER THE FALL OF PORT STANLEY CAME AS A SHOCK OF BLAST-LIKE PROPORTIONS.
 - HE DISPLAYED STUPEFYING POLITICAL INEPTITUDE IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE DISASTER AT PORT STANLEY. HE (AND THE JUNTA) SIMPLY HAD NOTHING TO SAY FOR 24 HOURS WHILE THE COUNTRY SEETHED WITH DOUBT AND FEAR. HE THEN CONVOKED THE PUBLIC TO THE

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

PLAZA DE MAYO WHERE HIS ENEMIES ON THE LEFT WERE ALREADY PREPARING A RIOT. THIS ACT, WHICH PROBABLY MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE BROUGHT ABOUT HIS DOWNFALL, REFLECTED ABOUT HIS DOWNFALL, REFLECTED THE CONVICTION THAT THE PEOPLE WERE WITH HIM, A MOST PATHETIC DELUSION. HE THEN DELIVERED HIS DEFIANT TELEVISION SPEECH WHICH TOLD THE NATION NOTHING AND WHICH CONTAINED NOT A SINGLE WORD OF COMPASSION OR REGRET.

- HE CALLED IN THE MAJOR GENERALS, THE "BARONS" OF THE ARMY, AND DEMANDED THAT THE WAR CONTINUE. THE GENERALS, WHOSE SENSE OF REALITY WAS SOMEWHAT STRONGER, WANTED NO PART OF THAT AND OFFERED THEIR CINC "VOLUNTARY" RETIREMENT.

3. WE HAVE NO MEANS OF CALCULATING AT THE MOMENT WHETHER TOMORROW'S ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ANY BETTER EQUIPPED THAN TODAY'S TO DEAL THE HARD DECISIONS THAT MUST BE MADE. THE HARDEST, OF COURSE, IS WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE MEN ON THE ISLANDS AND THE BRITISH DEMAND FOR A FORMAL CEASEFIRE IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. ARMA MET WITH ARMY DEPURTY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL WEHNER. DURING MEETING WEHNER STEPPED OUT MOMENTARILY TO CONFER WITH CHIEF OF STAFF JOSE VAQUERO AND NEW ARMY CINC NICOLAIDES. WEHNER INFORMED ARMA HE WOULD CALL HIM WHEN HE HAD AN ANSWER. TWO HOURS LATER, WEHNER CALLED AND GAVE ASSURANCES THAT UK HAS SAFE CONDUCT FOR CANBERRA AND ANOTHER SHIP, IF NECESSARY, TO PROCEED TO PUERTO MADRYN AND DISEMBARK ARGENTINE TROOPS.
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SUBJECT: FALKLANDS PRISONERS

5. THE BRITISH EMBASSY LATER APPROAC ED US ASKING T AT WE ENCOURAGE THE GOA TO PERMIT SAFE PASSAGE TO AND OFF-LOADING AT THE CLOSEST ARGENTINE PORT OR, ALTERNATIVELY, PUNTA ARENAS IN CHILE RATHER T;AN THE MUCH LONGER TRIP TO MONTEVIDEO. MG HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCHWITH THE SWISS AND BRAZILIANS IN THIS REGARD, ST,ESSING THE PRACTICAL NEED TO MOVE THE POWS. THUS, IT APPEARS THE BRITISH HAVE DROPPED THEIR INSISTENCE ON ARGENTINE CONFIRMATION OF A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND WILL ACCEPT ASSURANCES OF SAFE PASSAGE IN T'IS CASE. THE CANBERRA I; EXPECTED TO BE FULLY LOADED TONIGHT. TOM ENDERS HAS CONTACTED AMBASSADOR TAKACS. UE ALSO ARE ASKING OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES TO APPROACH MILITARY CONTACTS, WHILE MAKING CLEAR THAT WE ARE SIMPLY FORWARDING A MESAGE FOR THE UK AND ARE NOT PRESING THE ARGENTINES TO AGREE.

6. MEMO FOLLOWS, A YOU REQUESTED, ON HOW TO ANDLE MATERIEL SUPPORT, SANCTIONS, AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WIT THATCHER NEXT WEEK. EAGLEBURGER

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2. NICKO HA PASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. THE BRITISH HAVE 8-9000 PRISONERS IN HAND. THEY ARE ROUNDING UP OTHERS ON WEST FALKLANDS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE STOPPED FIGHTING. THE TOTAL WILL BE WELL BELOW THE 15,000 THAT THE ARGENTINE COMMANDER REPORTED. THE MAIN PROBLEM IS NOT STARVATION BUT EXPOSURE. THEY ARE NOW LOADING AS MANY AS 7000 ON THE CANBERRA AND ANOTHER SHIP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM THE ELEMENTS.

3. THE ARGENTINES HAVE REPLIED THROUGH THE SWISS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT REPATRIATION AND WANT IT DONE THROUGH URUGUAY "WITHOUT PRECONDITION". HMG WILL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

HAVE TO DECIDE NOW WHAT TO DO. THE PREFERENCE REMAINS TO SEND THEM INTO ARGENTINE PORTS, BUT THAT IS EXCLUDED BY THE ARGENTINE NON-RESPONSE ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, UNLESS HMG RELAXES ITS CONDITION. ANOTHER OPTION IS TO SEND THE 7000 BACK THROUGH URUGUAY.

4. EVEN IF A WAY IS FOUND TO RETURN THE 7000, AND POSSIBLY MORE, THE UK WILL KEEP 10 PERCENT (OFFICERS, INCLUDING MENENDEZ); IT IS NOT CLEAR WHERE THEY WILL BE KEPT OR UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS T;EY WOULD BE RETURNED. HENDERSON THOUGHT THAT ANY US ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE REQUESTED WOULD BE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE PRISONERS (I.E., T E 90 PERCENT) THAT HMG IS TRYING TO REPATRIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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EO 12065: RDS-1 6/18/02 (SHLAUDEMAN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: MILI, PEPR, AR, UK, FA
SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE TROOPS
REF: A) LONDON 13429, B) BUENOS AIRES 3673 AND 3672

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. PUERTO MADRYN HAS ONE LARGE DEEPWATER PIER WHICH CAN BERTH SEVERAL SHIPS. TUG SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, CANBERRA AND NORLAND WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFLOAD TROOPS WITH SMALL BOATS SHOULD PIERSIDE NOT BE ADVISABLE DUE TO WIND OR SEA CONDITIONS OR LACK OF TUGS.
3. FOR LONDON: GOA NEEDS TO KNOWN ROUTE OF UK SHIPS, ESTIMATED DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND NUMBER OF TROOPS ABOARD EACH. SHLAUDEMAN

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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE TROOPS
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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June 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Subject: Falklands Crisis

FOR: *CLEARANCE*
REMARK: Our objectives at this point are to end hostilities and to begin to heal the wounds in US/Latin American relations, while continuing to give the British as much support as possible.

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Disapprove WPC

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Falklands Crisis

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DRAFT MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

Dear Margaret:

In view of the need for continuing close consultations between us on the situation in the Falklands, I would like to invite you to stop in Washington on June 23 as you return to London from the UN Special Session on Disarmament.

This would be an excellent opportunity for us to exchange views on the overall situation in the South Atlantic, including the sanctions which the United States is currently applying against Argentina, US support for future UK activities and longer-term political developments in the area.

Our discussions here would also enable us to review developments in Argentina and to consider the options open to the United Kingdom and the United States for working together to achieve a resolution of the crisis.

I hope that we can meet in Washington next week.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald Reagan

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: NORMAN A. BAILEY *NAB*

SUBJECT: Lifting Economic Sanctions on Argentina

I concur with Al Sapia-Bosch's recommendation in his memorandum to you of June 22 (copy at Tab I).

Attachment

Tab I Sapia-Bosch Memo of June 22

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO THE NEW PRESIDENT

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. WE SHOULD BE MOST CAUTIOUS IN MY VIEW ABOUT HOW WE REACT TO THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW ARGENTINE PRESIDENT. FIRST HE WILL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OFFICE AND A LOT CAN HAPPEN HERE BEFORE JULY 1 WHEN BIGNONE IS SUPPOSED TO RECEIVE THE SASH. I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING THAT WOULD DO HIM MORE HARM THAN AN INDICATION OF USG SYMPATHY OR ONE OF THOSE STATEMENTS ABOUT LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM. THE POLITICIANS HERE ARE BEATING THE ANTI-YANKEE DRUM WITH ENTHUSIASM THESE DAYS AND THE OFFICER CORPS IS NOT MUCH MORE FRIENDLY.

3. ONE PROBLEM WE HAVE IN TRYING TO ESTABLISH A BETTER ATMOSPHERE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS THE SANCTIONS WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN. I HAVE JUST SEEN A REPORT OF THE NOTE QUIJANO DELIVERED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 29TH MFM DECLARING NO "TOTAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES" UNTIL THE UK WITHDRAWS ITS "OCCUPATION FORCES" AND CALLS OFF THE BLOCKADE. I ASSUME THAT MEANS WE WILL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

BE UNABLE TO LIFT OUR SANCTIONS. AN ATTEMPT AT A FRIENDLY GESTURE OF SOME KIND TOWARD THE GOA WHILE THE SANCTIONS ARE STILL IN FORCE COULD WELL BACKFIRE.

4. I STRONGLY FAVOR NO REPEAT NO COMMENT FROM THE SPOKESMAN ON BIGNONE'S DESIGNATION BEYOND A REASSERTION OF OUR HOPE TO RESTORE GOOD RELATIONS IN TIME WITH ARGENTINA, IF THE QUESTION ASKED MAKES THAT KIND OF RESPONSE APPROPRIATE. HE MAY ALSO GET A QUESTION ABOUT ELECTIONS IN VIEW OF THE JUNTA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE COUNTRY WILL BE "INSTITUTIONALIZED" BY EARLY 1984. WE SHOULD BE AS NEUTRAL ABOUT THAT PROSPECT AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SEEMING TO BE AGAINST DEMOCRACY. MORE THAN A FEW MILITARY OFFICERS STILL THINK WE WERE CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW GALTIERI SO THAT ELECTIONS

5. IN GENERAL I THINK WE WILL SERVE OUR INTERESTS BEST BY GOING SLOW UNLESS WE CAN OFFER SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL SUCH AS A WORKABLE SCHEME TO BRING MRS. THATCHER TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. ARGENTINA IS STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK. WE NEED TIME FOR PASSIONS TO COOL. THERE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WHEN AND IF BIGNONE IS INAUGURATED. BUT IT SHOULD BE FORMAL AND RESERVED. AFTER THAT, IF THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS STABLE AND OUR SOUNDINGS FAVORABLE, WE CAN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRIVATE EMISSARY TO GET THE DIALOGUE GOING. SHLAUDEMAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH *ASB*

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SUBJECT: Lifting Economic Sanctions on Argentina

The sanctions on Argentina should be lifted without delay. As you know, the European Community has already done so. From the U.S. perspective the sanctions are symbolic. The de facto ceasefire between the two belligerents probably will hold, as there seems to be little disposition on the part of Argentina again to take up arms. State's position is to use the sanctions issue to derive a larger gain from Prime Minister Thatcher, e.g., agreement to negotiate with Argentina over the final disposition of the Islands. Additionally, State would like to deal with a functioning government. Both of these are good points; State does not expect much success with Thatcher, however.

If we lift the sanctions after her visit with the President it will be viewed in Argentina and Latin America as if we needed her permission to go ahead. Alternatively, if we act now we would give a signal that we are taking a more neutral position on the sovereignty question. We will eventually lift the sanctions, so our objective should be to derive the most benefit for our side from the timing. By taking the initiative immediately we would: reduce strains between the U.S. and Argentina; strengthen the hand of the moderates in Argentina; assist the U.S. banking community, thereby speeding up the restructuring of the Argentine debt; perhaps bring some stability to the Argentine government, whatever it turns out to be; prevent a further shift toward anti-Americanism among the military; and, finally, remove sanctions as an issue.

Lifting the sanctions is not without danger. Mrs. Thatcher probably would not like it. She could hardly suggest that we have been unsupportive, however. There is always the danger that some Argentine leader will misinterpret our action. Notwithstanding these problems, I urge that you suggest to the President that the sanctions be lifted soon.

ASB and *Fontaine* concur. *Rentschler* does not. He believes that cancellation of the original sanctions decision, a product of inter-agency deliberations, is a significant step which needs to be thoroughly addressed in existing inter-agency fora, preferably NSC, but perhaps in this case the NSPG.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/23/02 (SHLAUDEMANN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: PDEV, PGOV, PINT, MILI, AR
SUBJECT: U.S. INTERESTS AND THE NEW GOA

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. THE STRUCTURE OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IN ARGENTINA AS IT EMERGES FROM THE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATES AMONG THE MILITARY SERVICES OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS IS NOT REASSURING IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS. THE ARMY HAS ACHIEVED NOMINAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. BUT THE JUNTA AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (THE THREE COMMANDERS, PLUS THE PRESIDENT) REMAIN IN PLACE TO DECIDE ON "ISSUES - WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON THE SUPREME INTERESTS OF THE NATION" IN THE WORDS OF YESTERDAY'S AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE. THE PROSPECT OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE JUNTA, AS THE DEAL WAS FIRST REPORTED, HELD OUT HOPE FOR A

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

STRONGER AND MORE COHERENT GOVERNMENT THAN WE HAVE SEEN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. BUT NOW THE ARMY IS TO BE SADDLED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTRY'S DISASTROUS ECONOMIC AND LABOR SITUATIONS WHILE THE OTHER TWO SERVICES RETAIN THEIR RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN FOREIGN AND MILITARY POLICY.

3. THE NAVY'S COMMUNIQUE IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THAT REGARD. IT ANNOUNCES THAT THE NAVY WILL HAVE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING ITS OWN LEADERSHIP UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, THUS ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE ARMY'S DESIRE TO HAVE ANAYA SACKED WHILE FORMALIZING THE EXISTENCE OF THREE ANTONOMOUS MILITARY INSTITUTIONS, ANSWERABLE TO NO CENTRAL AUTHORITY. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO DECLARES THAT THE "CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WILL END ONLY

AFTER THE NATION ACHIEVES RECOGNITION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS, GEORGIAN AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS." ANY DISPOSITION THERE MIGHT BE ON THE PART OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO MOVE TOWARD A DECLARED CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD CLEARLY RUN INTO DETERMINED OPPOSITION IN THIS QUARTER.

4. THE PROBLEM OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ASIDE, WE ARE LIKELY FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THIS NEXT GOA IN A CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION. -- BIGNONE COMES TO THE PRESIDENCY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIDELA/VIOLA CLIQUE IN THE ARMY WITHOUT ANY REAL POWER BASE OF HIS OWN. THE DEGREE OF HIS SUPPORT BELOW THE MAJOR GENERAL RANK IS PROBABLY NOT HIGH, TO SAY THE LEAST. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THE MODERATE AND RATHER UNASSUMING BIGNONE WORKING VERY WELL FOR VERY LONG WITH HIS ARROGANT CHIEF, ARMY CINC NICOLAIDES. -- WITH THE DISSENSION WITHIN AND AMONG THE SERVICES, POWER IN THIS COUNTRY IS LYING AROUND, NOT IN THE STREETS, BUT IN THE GARRISONS AND MILITARY CAMPS. MORE THAN EVER THE COMING GOA IS LIKELY TO BE AN AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

-- THE POLITICAL THEME IS THE DAYS AND MONTHS AHEAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE INTENSE, BITTER NATIONALISM. THE POLITICIANS, PARTICULARLY THE PERONISTS, WILL BE RETURNING TO THE STAGE AND THEIR ANTI-U.S. LINE HAS NOT CHANGED. A WEAK

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

GOVERNMENT, PRECARIOUSLY INSTALLED AND CONFRONTED BY AN ECONOMY IN DESPERATE STRAITS, WILL LOOK TO THE TRUSTWORTHY FORMULAS OF NATIONALISM FOR SUPPORT. THE USG WILL NEED TO DISPLAY BOTH GREAT PATIENCE AND FIRMNESS IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

5. ARGENTINA'S CURRENT SITUATION CALLS TO MIND A PARTICULAR CURIOSITY. ONE CAN STILL PLAINLY SEE ON THE FACADE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY BUILDING MARKS OF THE SHELLING THE NAVY ADMINISTERED TO DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES DURING ITS 1955 STRUGGLE WITH PERON'S ARMY. SHLAUDEMANN

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: A Message from Argentina's General Nicolaides

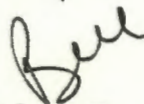
General Nicolaides has transmitted a message via informal channels to my office. The message, I believe, is genuine.

General Nicolaides made three points:

- First, he wanted better U.S.-Argentina relations, but the current situation is difficult. Opinion among officers and civilians is still embittered.
- Second, the critical short term problem for the military, especially the army, is the return of the remaining Argentine POWs held by the British on the Falklands.
- Third, if the U.S. could persuade the British to release them without a formal written armistice then "the door would be open for good relations."

We may have an opportunity here. The British are beginning to be more flexible on this question. A nudge from us might do it. But we need to act quickly if we are going to get any credit with the Argentines. I know the President would appreciate your thoughts and recommendations on this.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *RF*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Message from Nicolaides

At John Poindexter's suggestion, I am relaying to you a message from General Nicolaides, Argentina's new strongman. That message was transmitted via my friend Jorge Juarez Dover this morning in a phone call from Buenos Aires. Jorge Dover had just spoken to Nicolaides for an hour, and Nicolaides wanted to make these points.

First, the general wanted better U.S.-Argentina relations but the current situation is difficult. Opinion among officers and civilians is still embittered.

Second, the critical short term problem for the military (read Army) is return of the remaining Argentine POWs being held by the British on the Falklands.

Third, if the U.S. could persuade the British to release them without a formal written armistice "the door would be open for good relations."

Jorge repeated that message three times and asked me to pass it on to you.

I think this is important and gives us an opportunity. The British seem to be increasingly flexible on this question, but if we move fast we can get some credit with the new government for having brought it about -- and we should get that credit.

Admiral Poindexter suggested (and I strongly concur) that a message from you to the Secretary of State sharing the contents of this message would be the next step. Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the Secretary of State on this matter. If we move expeditiously, I believe we can start repairing the damage faster than earlier anticipated.

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend you sign the memorandum to the Secretary of State describing the content of the Nicolaides message.

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Tab I Memorandum to Secretary of State for signature

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1. S - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: AS OF JUNE 30, ALL SECTIONS OF EMBASSY BELIEVE SITUATION FULLY JUSTIFIES RETURN OF EVACUATED EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS. DURING PERIOD OF FALKLAND CRISIS THERE WERE THREE POTENTIAL THREATS TO US OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS: OUT-OF-CONTROL MOB FOCUSED ON US IN FRUSTRATION WITH ARGENTINE LOSSES; TARGETTED OPERATIONS OF UNITS OF SECURITY FORCES IN FRUSTRATION WITH US SUPPORT OF BRITISH; GENERAL DETERIORATION OF LAW-AND-ORDER. WITH DE FACTO END OF HOSTILITIES AND DEFINITIVE MOVEMENT TO POST-FALKLAND STAGE OF POLITICAL MANEUVER AND CHANGE, THE FIRST TWO THREATS HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY REMOVED; EMOTIONS OF POTENTIAL MOB WOULD BE MUCH LESS AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE FOCUSED ON ARGENTINE LEADERS WHO ARE INCREASINGLY BEING CRITICIZED FOR POOR JUDGEMENT AND WORSE; SIMILARLY RECENT REPORTING REFLECTS SWITCH OF CONCERN WITHIN SECURITY FORCES TO THEIR OWN CURRENT OR PREVIOUS LEADERS. FINALLY WE BELIEVE POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT OF

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

TRANSITION TO ELECTIONS AND DIALOGUE WITH MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPS MEANS ALL MAJOR GROUPS HAVE INTEREST IN PRESERVING ORDER AT LEAST FOR NOW. MOREOVER, ALL POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING EACH ARMED FORCE AND EACH POLITICAL GROUPING NOW HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO IN SETTING THEIR POSITIONS AND ORGANIZATION FOR WHAT IS A NEW AND UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL PERIOD. POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY WILL REMAIN HIGH IN ARGENTINA AND POTENTIAL THREAT TO US PERSONNEL MAY GROW OVER NEXT MONTHS AS POLITICAL EVENTS UNFOLD IN WAYS UNSATISFACTORY TO MAJOR POLITICAL OR MILITARY GROUPS. BUT THE CURRENT STAGE OF POLITICAL EVOLUTION PROVIDES MORE THAN NORMAL SECURITY TO OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS EVACUATED PERSONNEL BE AUTHORIZED TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY SO THAT SOME, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN MONTEVIDEO, CAN RETURN BEFORE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES OF LONG WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

3. AMONG POLITICAL FACTORS SUPPORTING ABOVE ASSESSMENT ARE:
-- LAST WEEK'S WELLING UP OF SPECULATION ABOUT REVOLTS AND COUPS IN THE ARMY AND PERHAPS THE NAVY HAS TAILED OFF IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. DOUBTS THAT BIGNONE HAD SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN THE ARMY TO TAKE OVER ON JULY 1 HAVE DISPERSED.
-- HARDENING THE PROSPECT THAT HE WILL ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY WAS HIS SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH THE POLITICIANS THE NIGHT OF JUNE 24. HE SEEMS TO HAVE PERSUADED THEM THAT THE ARMY IS IN FACT COMMITTED TO A RETURN TO POPULAR RULE VIA ELECTIONS BY MARCH 1984. THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE WERE ALREADY COMMITTED TO THIS COURSE. THE RELIEF IN THE HIGH STATE OF TENSION THAT REIGNED UP TO JUNE 24 MEETING HAS BEEN ALMOST PALPABLE.
--FOR THEIR PART, THE CIVILIAN POLS HAVE MADE IT WIDELY EVIDENT THAT THEY NOW BELIEVE THEY HAVE A STAKE IN HAND-HOLDING THE BIGNONE REGIME, OR SOME OTHER MODERATE ARMY COMBINATION, AT LEAST FOR NOW. THEIR REFUSAL, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, TO START THE FINGER-POINTING AND BLAME-LAYING FOR THE DEFEAT, AT THIS TIME IS A CLEAR SIGNAL THEY WANT BIGNONE AS FIRMLY SEATED AS IS POSSIBLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SO THAT THE TRANSITION MAY INDEED BEGIN. THEIR ESSENTIAL INTEREST IS TO CONTROL THEIR OWN ULTRAS, OF LEFT AND RIGHT, TO INSURE SOME MEASURE OF STABILITY IN THE COMING MONTHS SO THEY MAY TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT AT A TIME-CERTAIN DATE.

4. ON THE NARROWER QUESTION OF THE PRESENT BAD STATE OF MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

OUR BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND HOW WE ARE VIEWED HERE, WE NOTE:
-- IT APPEARS POTENTIAL MILITARY DISSIDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARMY, ARE NOW COMING TO THE REALIZATION THAT ARGENTINA'S COLLAPSE WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE US (OR EVEN THE UK,

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WHICH SIMPLY WAS UP FOR THE JOB IN ARGENTINA WASN'T). RATHER, WE THINK A CONSENSUS IS DEVELOPING THAT THE BLAME LIES IN THEIR OWN DIPLOMATIC-MILITARY INEPTITUDE AND TITALLY MISMANAGED WAR EFFORT. THE POPULAR "LIFE"-STYLE DIETE DIAS IS OUT THIS PAST WEEKING WITH AN EXTRA CARRYING PAGE AFTER PAGE OF DEVASTATING, EVEN HUMILIATING PHOTO-COVERAGE OF THE FIGHTING AND SURRENDER IN "THE WAR WE NEVER SAW."
-- WE HAVE HAD APPROACHES IN RECENT DAYS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO MAIN CURRENTS OF PERONISM, ALBEIT AT A LOW LEVEL BUT UNDOUBTEDLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THEIR BOSSES. THEIR DISCREET OBJECTIVE IS TO SEEK REESTABLISHMENT AND BROADENING OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH US.
-- FINALLY, THE MAN ON THE STREET, WITH A FEW ISOLATED EXCEPTIONS AND CRANK CALLS AND THREATS, HAS SHOWN NO PATTERN OF HOSTILITY TOWARD THIS MISSION OR AMERICANS IN GENERAL, OFFICIAL OR NONOFFICIAL. THE ONLY REAL MANIFESTATION AGAINST US CAME JUNE 12, WHEN A SMALL CLAUQUE SPLIT OFF FOR THE HUGE CROWDS IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY FOR THE POPE'S OPEN-AIR MASS AND CHANTED SLOGANS BRIEFLY IN FRONT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. IT WAS QUICKLY DISPERSED BY THE POLICE. THE JUNE 15 PLAZA DE MAYO DISTURBANCES WHICH APPARENTLY GOT MUCH ATTENTION IN THE US MEDIA WAS ALMOST WHOLLY ANTI-GALTIERI.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

5. IN THIS REGARD, RSO STRESSES HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ABOVE-AVERAGE RESPONSES FROM THE OPERATING LEVELS OF BOTH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES TO ALL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. HE REPORTS HIS CONTACTS WITH POLICE COMMISSIONERS, ON AT LEAST A WEEKLY BASIS, GO FORWARD ON A CLOSE PROFESSIONAL BASIS, WITH LITTLE IF ANY ANTI-PATHY DEMONSTRATED FROM THE COMMISSARIAT ON DOWN TO SUBOFFICIALS. RSO SAYS BOTH IN HIS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND INITIATIVE RESPONSES TO THEIR OWN VIEW OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED, THEY ACT WITH INTEREST AND IN A FASHION HE SAYS CAN BE DESCRIBED AS ENERGETIC. ROS ADDS THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE 23RD DISTRICT, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHANCERY AND THE RESIDENCE, HAS STATED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS SUPERIORS TO MAKE CERTAIN "THAT NOTHING HAPPENS TO THE AMERICANS." IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT BOTH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE BY DECISION

OF THE GOA HAVE ASSIGNED UNIFORMED OFFICERS TO EVERY RESIDENCE OF USG EMPLOYEES RECORDED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. OTHERS HERE SHARE OUR ASSESSMENT. US FIRMS WHICH SENT PEOPLE OUT ARE RAPIDLY RETURNING THEM; SOME COMMENT THAT THE ONLY RESTRAINT ON FULL RETURN IS FACT USG HAS NOT DONE SO AND WE ARE ASSUMED TO KNOW SOMETHING THESE PRIVATE FIRMS DO NOT. MOST OTHER OFFICIAL MISSIONS INCLUDING EEC NEVER WITHDREW PEOPLE BUT THEY DID INCREASE SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS; THEY NOW SEE THE SITUATION AS NORMAL.

7. OF COURSE ARGENTINE POLITICS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A VOLATILE AND UNPREDICTABLE. AS IN MUCH OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, THERE ARE SOME POTENTIAL DANGERS FOR OFFICIALS AMERICANS. CONTINUED EXPANDED SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. WE DO NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST THAT THE ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION WE NOW RECEIVE BE REMOVED. THERE WILL BE SOME DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST US AND PRESS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CRITICAL (WHAT ELSE IS NEW IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE?).

8. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE PROMPT RETURN OF BOTH FAMILIES AND STAFF. WE REQUEST THAT THIS DECISION BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AND COMMUNICATED TO THOSE AFFECTED ON THE SAME PRIORITY BASIS. REF A STATES THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO ISSUE SUCH INSTRUCTION AUTHORIZING RETURN STARTING JULY 3. WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT DATE FALLS DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND, WHICH COULD COMPLICATE RETURN TRAVEL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

PLANS, AS INDICATED IN REF B. WE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE MONTEVIDEO-BUENOS FERRY DOES NOT RUN ON SATURDAYS, WHICH IS TO SAY THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON JULY 3 AVAILABLE TO DEPENDENTS NOW HOLDING IN MONTEVIDEO. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT RETURN BE AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN JULY 1. SHLAUDEMAN

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Mr. McFarlane/Admiral Poindexter:

Per Dick Morris on secure, below are Presidential comments on:

1. Daily Report (Memo for the P, dated today) Section on Gromyko/Hussein Meeting:

"All of this should be used to persuade Israel of the rightness of our befriending Jordan, et al. RR"

2. Memo for the P from Haig; Subj: Rebuilding Relations with Argentina

End of memo has Approve/Disapprove blocks. The P did not check a block, but made the following comments:

"I'd like to have British agreement on the prisoner return and on the sanctions. In view of the fuss over the pipeline, I would like to know the UK would have no reluctance about our lifting sanctions other than mil. of course.

"Asking them to let us be the intermediary on prisoners on the basis that if and when they (UK) are ready it could help us with our other Latin Am. interests. RR"

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