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E.O. 12065: RDS 2 4/14/02 (SHLAUDEMAN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: PBOB, MILI, UK, FA, AR
SUBJECT: FALKLANDS DISPUTE: ARGENTINE PROPOSAL
REF: BUENOS AIRES 2195

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATIONAL TRANSLATION IS THE TEXT OF THE PAPER DELIVERED TO ME TONIGHT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: TITLE: DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. IN VIEW OF RESOLUTION 502 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WILL OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO RESOLVE THE CONTROVERSY WHICH HAS ARISEN BETWEEN THEM, RENOUNCING THE USE OF FORCE, BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREE:

- 1) IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.
- 2) BEGINNING ON (BLANK) HOURS OF (BLANK) DAY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SHALL BEGIN THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL NAVAL UNITS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS. WITHIN SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC WILL HAVE WITH-

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DRAWN HALF OF ITS MILITARY FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS TO THE MAINLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL HAVE WITHDRAWN ITS NAVAL UNITS TO A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 3,000 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE ISLANDS. WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS BEGINNING FROM THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL HAVE WITHDRAWN THE TOTALITY OF THEIR UNITS TO THEIR USUAL OPERATIONAL BASES OR AREAS.

3) THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHALL ADOPT MEASURES NECESSARY TO COMPLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, WITH RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, COMPLETING THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAME BY 31 DECEMBER 1982, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS

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2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), AND 31/49 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THIS CASE THE PRINCIPLE OF ARGENTINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS APPLICABLE.

4) FROM THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT NO MILITARY FORCES WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE ISLANDS AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WHICH WILL REMAIN DEMILITARIZED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1982.

5) THE RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES WHICH THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS HAVE ENJOYED UNTIL NOW WILL BE RESPECTED, ESPECIALLY THOSE REFERRING TO FREEDOM OF OPINION, RELIGION, EXPRESSION, TEACHING AND MOVEMENT (AS WELL AS) THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS, SOURCES OF WORK, CUSTOMS, STYLE OF LIFE AND TRADITIONAL FAMILY, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

6) THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IS PREPARED TO PAY A FAIR PRICE FOR THE PROPERTIES OF PEOPLE OR COMPANIES WHICH DO NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, AS WELL AS (TO PAY) SPECIAL COMPENSATION TO THE INHABITANTS WHO WISH TO IMMIGRATE. THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IS PREPARED TO INDEMNIFY THE DAMAGES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED TO PERSONS AND COMPANIES WITH INTERESTS IN THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

7) DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION WHICH ENDS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DECEMBER 31, 1982, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

B) THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, EXCEPT FOR THE POLICE FORCE, WILL BE MAINTAINED. THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED, BUT THEY WILL BE EXPANDED IN ORDER TO INCLUDE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS DESIGNATED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. THOSE MEMBERS WILL BE SELECTED PREFERABLY FROM AMONG THE ARGENTINES RESIDENT IN THE ISLANDS.

C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ALL THE LOCAL MEMBERS OF THAT FORCE WHO WERE ON DUTY BEFORE APRIL 2, 1982. THE POLICE WILL BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR.

D) ARGENTINES FROM MAINLAND TERRITORY AND INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS SHALL ENJOY EQUAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

8. THE ARGENTINE FLAG SHALL CONTINUE TO FLY OVER THE ISLANDS.

9. TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ALL COMMERCE BETWEEN MAINLAND ARGENTINE TERRITORY AND THE ISLANDS SHALL BE PROMOTED AND FACILITATED. AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, ALL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE NULLIFIED. (HERE SOME WORDS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INADVERTENTLY OMITTED. THE TEXT OF THE SENTENCE ENDS WITH THE FOLLOWING PHRASE, } "WHICH MAY HAVE ADOPTED SIMILAR MEASURES THAT THE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY NULLIFIED." (THIS UNDOUBTEDLY

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REFERS TO ACTIONS BY THIRD COUNTRIES.}

10. A GROUP COMPOSED OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ARGENTINA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SHALL VERIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

11. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHALL GUARANTEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.
END TEXT.
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O 151407Z APR 82
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3238

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DEPT PASS SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT
EO 12065: RDS-2 4/15/02 (SHLAUDEMANN, HARR W) OR-M
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.), PBOR, MILI, UK, FA, AR
SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN BUENOS AIRES
REF: STATE 101026

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ DOES NOT WISH TO SET
IN ADVANCE A TIME FOR THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI.
COSTA MENDEZ HAS IN MIND PROCEEDING WITH THE SECRETARY TO
THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ONE THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE PROGRESSED
SUFFICIENTLY FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT WISH
TO INVOLVE GALTIERI IN THE DISCUSSIONS UNTIL THERE IS
SOMETHING "POSITIVE" TO REPORT OR UNTIL A DEADEND HAS BEEN
REACHED.

3. THERE ARE THUS NO OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED AS YET.
SHLAUDEMANN

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E.O. 12062: RDS 1, 3 4/15/02
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)
SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE
REF: BUENOS AIRES 2256
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. ~~(SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT I DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIM TO PRESIDENT GALTIERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL. I BELIEVE THIS COULD BEST BE DONE FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE THE MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. YOU CAN ASSURE COSTA MENDEZ OR GALTIERE THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A NEGOTIATING SESSION, BUT RATHER TO SET THE STAGE FOR SUBSEQUENT DETAILED TALKS.

3. IF NECESSARY FONMIN MEETING SHOULD BE SET BACK. PLEASE ADVISE.
HAIG

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 3253
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EO 12065: RDS 1, 3 4/15/02 (SHLAUDEMAN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: OVIP, (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.), UK, AR
SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS
REF: A) SECTO 6012, B) SECTO 6011 (NOTAL)

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I READ THE MESSAGE (REF A) REGARDING THE ARGENTINE SUBMARINES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OVER THE PHONE AT 1900 HOURS LOCAL TIME. HE WAS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. RE REF B, AND THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, AS I STARTED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO THE MINISTER HE CUT ME OFF SAYING THAT AT THAT MOMENT PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRESIDENT GALTIERI WERE TALKING BY TELEPHONE.
SHLAUDEMAN

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NODIS
PLEASE ALSO PASS TO SCOTT GUDGEON
E. O. 12065 RDS-2 - 4/15/02 (ROBINSON, DAVIS R.)
TAGS: US, UK, AR, PBOR, PGOV
SUBJECT: REVISED TEXT OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL
COMMISSION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. L SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE REVISED TEXT NOW
CARRIED BY GUDGEON:

2. PARAGRAPH 4: DELETE THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH BE-
GINNING WITH THE WORDS "SUCH EXPENSES". THE IMPORTANT
PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE REMAINING CLAUSE.
THE DELETED DETAILS COULD POSE PROBLEMS IF THE COMMISSION
DECIDES TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN SUB-OFFICES ON THE ISLANDS.

3. PARAGRAPH 9: SUBSTITUTE "JOINT" FOR "MULTINATIONAL".

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

4. PARAGRAPH 13: DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE. INSERT THE
FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF THE DRAFT PARAGRAPH:
"THE SPECIAL COMMISSION, ITS MEMBERS, ITS EMPLOYEES AND
ITS ASSOCIATED STAFFS SHALL ENJOY SUCH OTHER PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES AS ARE ACCORDED TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS BY THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL UNDER THEIR DOMESTIC
LAWS". CHANGE THE NEW PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO READ,
"...AND OTHER VEHICLES PERFORMING COMMISSION FUNCTIONS
AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES OF THE SPECIAL
COMMISSION...".

5. PARAGRAPH 7: CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ "THE
VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE PARTIES IN KIND ACCEPTED BY
THE SPECIAL COMMISSION SHALL BE APPLIED BY THE SPECIAL
COMMISSION IN THE COMPUTATION OF EXPENSES DUE FROM THE

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6. THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE TEXT SENT
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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.) UK, FA, AR
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH
REF: SECTO 6012

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS REPORTED, I DELIVERED THE MESSAGE BEFORE YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLD ARRIVED. I'VE JUST TALKED AGAIN
TO COSTA MENDEZ. HE INFORMS ME THAT THE COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF OF THE NAVY HAS ASSURED HIM AND THE PRESIDENT THAT
THERE ARE NO ARGENTINE SUBMARINES IN THE ZONE DECLARED
BY THE BRITISH AND THAT FIRM ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN
TO THE SUBMARINES NOT TO ENTER THAT ZONE.
SHLAUDEMANN

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TAGS: AFSP, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF DEPENDENTS OF THREATENED EMBASSY
OFFICERS IN BUENOS AIRES

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2. DEPARTMENT FULLY AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR IS IN BEST POSITION TO DETERMINE NECESSITY AND TIME FOR SAFEHAVENING PERSONNEL. WE ALSO WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR HAS OUR TOTAL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN THIS CONNECTION. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO SAFEHAVEN THE FOUR FAMILIES.

3. THE PROCEDURES IN PLACE, HOWEVER, REQUIRE THAT PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUOTE EVACUATION UNQUOTE, PERMISSION BE REQUESTED AND GRANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE ASK, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE FUTURE THE POST GET DEPARTMENT APPROVAL PRIOR TO INITIATING THE DEPARTURE OF PERSONNEL.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

4. AT A CRITICAL TIME SUCH AS THIS, WE DO NOT INTEND TO BE UNDULY BUREAUCRATIC AND UNDERSTAND FULL WELL THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY AT YOUR END AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THE FINE BALANCE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S MISSION AND THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL. WE ARE REQUIRED HOWEVER TO ADHERE TO PROCEDURES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EAGLEBURGER

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MESSAGE (CON. INCLD):

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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/15/82 (KEANE, JOHN F.) OR-P
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M. JR.)
SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM BRITISH
REF: BUENOS AIRES 2279
PLEASE URGENTLY PASS TO HENDERSON THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.
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EO 12065: RDS 4/15/92 (RUSER, CW) OR-M
TAGS: PTER, AR
SUBJECT: CURRENT INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON THREAT TO US OFFICIALS
AND CITIZENS--EMBASSY COMMENTS
REF: STATE 100726 (NOTAL)

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: MAJOR JUDGMENTS:

-- WE ARE CONCERNED AT THIS TIME PRIMARILY WITH THE POSSIBILITY
OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS BY ONE OF THE SECURITY
SERVICES.
-- AS THE BRITISH TASK FORCE APPROACHES, AND ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING
ANY MILITARY ENGAGEMENT, THE DANGER OF RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICIALS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS INCREASES.
-- ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS THAT WOULD SPILL OVER INTO VIOLENCE
AGAINST THE EMBASSY, CONDONED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT,
COULD BECOME A POSSIBILITY AT SOME POINT, DEPENDING ON THE
COURSE OF THE CRISIS. END SUMMARY.

3. WE AGREE WITH THE JUDGMENT THAT US CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

US OFFICIALS, COULD BE EXPOSED TO A HEIGHTENED SECURITY RISK
IN THE DAYS AHEAD. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A
SOMEWHAT GREATER POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIALLY-CONDONED OR ENCOURAGED
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF THAN THE DRAFT INTEL-
LIGENCE ESTIMATE SUGGESTS, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THERE ARE IMPOR-
TANT INHIBITING FACTORS AT WORK.

4. IF THINGS GO BADLY, THE REGIME WILL HAVE TO DEFLECT CRITICISM
OF ITS HANDLING OF THE ISSUE, ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILI-
TIES. THE GOA WILL ARGUE THAT THE US LET ARGENTINA DOWN IN NOT
SUPPORTING A RIGHTFUL CLAIM. IN INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS, WE ARE
TOLD, THE GOA'S DEFEAT IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN ATTRI-
BUTED BOTH BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENT GALTIERI TO US
LOBBYING. THE NEWS REPORTS OF ALLEGED US SATELLITE ASSISTANCE
TO THE BRITISH AND THE USE OF THE ASCENSION ISLAND AIRBASE HAVE
MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION HERE; THEY EVIDENTLY LED THEMSELVES TO

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EXPLAINING AN ARGENTINE MILITARY DEFEAT. IN HIS JUDAS REFERENCE PRESIDENT GALTIERI TOOK THE FIRST STEP IN LAYING BLAME ON US FOR THE DIRECTION THE CRISIS IS TAKING.

5. WE THEREFORE WOULD DISTINGUISH THE THREE MAJOR CONTINGENCIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. FEELINGS OF ANTI-AMERICANISM SPILLING OVER INTO RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE US COMMUNITY.

COMMENT: EVEN BEFORE A MILITARY ENGAGEMENT, RISING FEAR AND HATRED AS THE BRITISH TASK FORCE APPROACHES, COULD PRECIPITATE ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ENGLISH-SPEAKING FOREIGNERS. IN OTHER RESPECTS, WE AGREE WITH PARA 3A OF REFTEL.

B. THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIBERATE ACTS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL US CITIZENS, INCLUDING CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS, PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY ONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES IN A GENERAL CLIMATE OF GREAT PERMISSIVENESS.

COMMENT: THE SECURITY APPARATUS HAS APPEARED TO BE UNDER FAIRLY GOOD CONTROL FROM ABOVE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. BUT THERE IS A HISTORY OF THE "DIRTY WAR" OF "AUTONOMOUS" ACTION BY SECURITY UNITS WHICH ARE STILL STAFFED BY MEN WHO WERE ACTIVE AT THAT TIME. WE ARE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES CAN MAINTAIN TIGHT CONTROL OVER THESE EXCEEDINGLY DANGEROUS PEOPLE IN AN INCREASING INFLAMMATORY CLIMATE.

C. ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS SPILLING OVER INTO VIOLENCE AGAINST THE EMBASSY.

COMMENT: THE GOA MAY ENCOURAGE OR ORGANIZE MORE NATIONALIST MASS RALLIES IF THE SITUATION FOR ARGENTINA WORSENS. FOR THE REASONS DISCUSSED, WE EXPECT THESE RALLIES TO TAKE AN ANTI-US

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DIRECTION. A LOGICAL STEP WOULD BE MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY ITSELF WITH CONSEQUENT DANGERS.

6. CONSIDERATIONS CONTRA. THESE INCLUDE:

-- EXPRESSIONS OF ANTI-US AND ANTI-BRITISH SENTIMENTS, AT THIS POINT, REMAIN SURPRISING MILD AND LIMITED.

-- THE REGIME HAS LONG TAKEN CONSIDERABLE PRIDE IN HAVING RESTORED CIVIC CALM AND PUBLIC ORDER. TO PERMIT PUBLIC VIOLENCE WOULD REPRESENT A MAJOR CHANGE IN POLICY.

-- THE GOA NO DOUBT RECOGNIZES THAT ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO BUILD SUPPORT INTERNATIONALLY WOULD BE UNDERCUT BY VIOLENCE AGAINST THE US OFFICIAL PRESENCE.

7. IN SUM, WE ARE MOST CONCERNED AT THIS POINT WITH CONTINGENCY B. CONTINGENCY A BECOMES A GREATER CONCERN AS THE TASK FORCE APPROACHES AND IF THERE IS A MILITARY ENGAGEMENT. CONTINGENCY C, MOST LIKELY IS STILL SOME TIME OFF. THE PROBABILITY OF THIS CONTINGENCY WHICH, AT THIS TIME WE TAKE TO BE SIGNIFICANT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE CRISIS, INCLUDING ARGENTINA'S POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC POSITION. SHLAUDEMAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIS ~~BLAIR~~ BLAIR/ROGER FONTAINE ~~ED~~

SUBJECT: Suspension of the Haig Mission
on the Falklands

Issue. Should the President suspend Secretary Haig's shuttle diplomacy after the current consultations in Buenos Aires?

Judgments:

- That the Argentines will offer no major concessions today to justify Haig going on to London;
- That Presidential pressure on Mrs. Thatcher for a major concession would both be unsuccessful, and would seriously damage U.S.-U.K. relations;
- That Haig therefore stands little chance of negotiating an agreement before the British fleet arrives (approximately 20 April).

Discussion:

- Suspension of what increasingly appears to be a futile mission prevents undermining of American diplomacy, and preserves the personal reputations of the Secretary and the President;
- Suspension may well decrease chances of conflict by removing illusions (particularly Argentina's) that U.S. can "deliver" the other side;
- Suspension will force UK and Argentina to face squarely the consequences of possible military defeat or stalemate, now that both gunboat diplomacy and third-party mediation have run their course.

However:

- Suspension of the mission will spark criticism that the U.S. "Failed to go the extra mile" for peace;
- Suspension removes restraint on Argentines who have said they publicly will not challenge U.K. military while Haig mediation efforts continue;

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-- The U.S. will be under greater pressure to take sides, either damaging relations with its closest ally, Great Britain, or ending cooperation with Argentina, and damaging relations with other Latin America countries which support Argentina.

How to Disengage the Haig Mission

-- Without announcing the end of the mission, President today calls Haig back to Washington from B.A. for consultations;

-- After consultations tomorrow with Haig, President announces (probably on TV) that Haig will remain in Washington until the two sides show more flexibility and a forthcoming approach;

-- Haig explains in more detail that we have exercised our good offices, we have narrowed and identified the differences between the sides, but have failed to bridge them, after two visits to each capital, further visits are not warranted, but he is prepared to resume visits if conditions warrant it

And Then

-- We must decide what public, diplomatic and military policies to adopt if conflict breaks out when the British fleet arrives.

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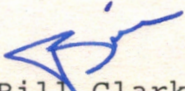
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April 16

7:35 p.m.

Mr. President,

Just received the attached
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TAGS: OVIP, (HAIG, ALEXANDER)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MR. PRESIDENT:

AS OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL, WE HAVE COMPLETED FIRST ROUND WITH
VERY LITTLE GIVE HERE. ARGENTINES NOW REVIEWING SITUATION
WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI AND PROBABLY WITH JUNTA. MEANWHILE,
WE REMAIN IN HOLDING PATTERN AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. NOTHING
THAT HAS TRANSPIRED THUS FAR IN THIS INITIAL ROUND CHANGES THE
ASSESSMENT I PROVIDED YOU FROM THE AIRCRAFT ENROUTE HERE
YESTERDAY. WE ARE NOT AT POINT WHERE BREAK IS INEVITABLE.
BUT EVENTS COULD UNFOLD RAPIDLY, EVEN THIS EVENING. WARM
REGARDS, AL.
HAIG.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 04/16/0) (EAGLEBURGER, LAWRENCE S.)
TAGS: FA, UR, US, PEPR, PARM
SUBJECT: EAGLEBURGER-DOBRYNIN MEETING ON FALKLAND
ISLANDS, SSOD

1. ~~(SECRET)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ACTING SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER CALLLD IN SOVIET
AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN APRIL 16 TO PRESENT HIM WITH
FOLLOWING NON-PAPER ON FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE:

3. BEGIN TEXT:

- THE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED BY THE
SOVIET UNION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS HAS BEEN CAREFULLY NOTED BY
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND WILL NOT BE-SOON -

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FORGOTTEN. SOVIET MEDIA COMMENTARY LEAVES NO DOUBT
THAT THERE IS A DELIBERATE EFFORT UNDERWAY TO DISTORT
U.S. EFFORTS TO AVERT ARMED CONFLICT. FOR EXAMPLE,
PRAVDA ON APRIL 12 ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. EFFORT TO
PLAY THE ROLE OF "HONEST BROKEN" MASKLD THE FACT THAT
THE U.S. WAS SIDING WITH BRITAIN AND WAS ENGAGED IN
SECRET MILITARY AND POLITICAL COOPERATION. TASS ON
APRIL 13 CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. WAS PLANNING TO SET UP A

"SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANNZATION" AND TO ESTABLISH A
MILITARY BASE IN THE FALKLANDS. RADIO MOSCOW
BROADCASTS IN SPANISH HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE TENDENTIOUS,
FLATLY ACCUSING THE U.S. OF SIDING WITH THE BRITISH AND
SEEKING A "FOOTHOLD" IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

- THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE IS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN
AND ARGENTINA. IT IS NOT AN EAST-WEST ISSUE, AND IT

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WOULD SERVE NO ONE'S INTEREST TO MAKE IT AN EAST-WLST ISSUE. U.S. ACTIONS ARE AIMED SOLELY AT PREVENTING BLOODSHED; WE ARE SEEKING TO PREVENT FURTHER MILITARY ACTION BY EITHER SIDE, AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A PROCESS WHICH ADDRESSES THE CRITICAL ISSUES OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

- AS SECRETARY HAIG HAS MADE CLEAR TO YOU AND TO FOREIGN MINISTER GROMEKO, BOTH IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA, POLAND AND OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES HAVE PLACED A VERY HEAVY BURDEN ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE PROBLEM AREAS AT GREAT LENGTH, TOGETHER WITH ARMS CONTROL, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THIS DIALOGUE. BUT WE MUST UNDERSCORE THAT INVOLVEMENT BY THE SOVIET UNION OR ITS FRIENDS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CRISIS WOULD HOPELESSLY COMPLICATE AND PERHAPS IRREPARABLY DAMAGE OUR HOPES FOR MOVING FORWARD IN RELATIONS WITH YOU. THERE MUST BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT. END TEXT.

4. AFTER READING THE NON-PAPER DOBRYNIN CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. PRESS WAS ALSO TALKING ABOUT A U.S. TILT TOWARD THE U.K. SOVIET PRESS ACCOUNTS WERE NOT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS AND WERE MERELY QUOTING OTHER NEWS SOURCES. IN ANY EVENT, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES WERE NOT THE USSR'S BUSINESS. THE USSR VIEWED THIS ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF COLONIALISM. SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE OVERSTATED: THE NEAREST

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SOVIET SHIPS WERE HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY.

5. THE ACTING SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT DOBRYNIN WAS ENTIRELY CORRECT IN NOTING THAT US-UK RELATIONS WERE NONE OF THE USSR'S BUSINESS. NEITHER, IN OUR VIEW, WAS THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE. FOR SOME TWENTY YEARS DOBRYNIN HAD BEEN ARGUING IN WASHINGTON THAT SOVIET MEDIA WERE ENTIRELY UNOFFICIAL; THE ACTING SECRETARY SAW NO POINT IN DEBATING THE POINT FURTHER. ON SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, THE SOVIET SIDE SHOULD NOTE THAT OUR NON-PAPER SAID SOVIET INVOLVEMENT WOULD RPT WOULD COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONS.

6. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, DOBRYNIN GRATUITUOUSLY ASKED WHO WOULD LEAD THE US SSOD DELEGATION. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT WHILE, AS DOBRYNIN KNEW, THE PRESIDENT WOULD ADDRESS THE SSOD, WE HAD NOT YET DETERMINED WHO WOULD HEAD OUR DELEGATION WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT IN NEW YORK. DOBRYNIN SUPPOSED THAT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LEAD DELEGATIONS BUT SAID HE CERTAINLY HOPED GROMYKO WOULD HEAD THE SOVIET SSOD DELEGATION. EAGLEBURGER

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FOR SAKLOSSON AND S/S-EREMER
NODIS
E.O. 12065: PDS 1, 3 (4, 14, 22)
TAGS: OVIP, (HAIG, ALEXANDER)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MR. PRESIDENT:
AS OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL, WE HAVE COMPLETED FIRST ROUND WITH
VERY LITTLE GIVE HERE. ARGENTINES NOW REVIEWING SITUATION
WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI AND PROBABLY WITH JUNTA. MEANWHILE,
WE REMAIN IN HOLDING PATTERN AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. NOTHING
THAT HAS TRANSPIRED THUS F/R IN THIS INITIAL ROUND CHANGES THE
ASSESSMENT I PROVIDED YOU FROM THE AIRCRAFT ENROUTE HERE
YESTERDAY. WE ARE NOT AT POINT WHERE BREAK IS INEVITABLE.
BUT EVENTS COULD UNFOLD RAPIDLY, EVEN THIS EVENING. WARM
REGARDS, AL.
HAIG.

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E.O. 12065: RDS 1, 3 4/16/0012
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER, M., JR.)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM AT OPENING OF BUSINESS SATURDAY APRIL 17.
BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR FRANCIS:
I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED SINCE 10:00 AM THIS MORNING. TONIGHT, FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ AND HIS TEAM MET WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI AND HIS ENTIRE JUNTA. AT 10:40 PM LOCAL TIME WE RECEIVED A VERY DISCOURAGING RESPONSE WHICH I HAVE ASKED TO DISCUSS TOMORROW MORNING WITH THE JUNTA AND THE PRESIDENT. I WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING BY FLASH MESSAGE.
WARM REGARDS,
AL HAIG. END TEXT

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE
E.O. 12065: RDS-1 4/16/0022 (HAIG, ALEXANDER)
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER)
SUBJ: MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

1. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS JUST COME BACK TO ME AFTER SEEING THE JUNTA. THE LANGUAGE HE DELIVERED IS UNACCEPTABLE. IN ESSENCE, IT CALLS FOR: 1) SHARED CONTROL IN THE INTERIM PERIOD, WITH PROVISIONS THAT WOULD PERMIT ARGENTINA TO SATURATE THE ISLANDS AND PUSH OUT THE FALKLANDERS; (2) CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A FINAL SETTLEMENT THAT AMOUNT TO A PRIOR AGREEMENT THAT THE RESULT WILL BE THE AFFIRMATION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY. WHAT LITTLE FLEXIBILITY THERE IS IN THEIR POSITION ON INTERIM CONTROL MUST BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR RIGID POSITION THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST LEAD TO AN AFFIRMATION OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.

2. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH PEOPLE IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. I HAVE SPENT HOURS NEGOTIATING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AS WELL AS TIME WITH GALTIERI HIMSELF, ONLY TO FIND THAT WHAT IS AGREED AD REFERENDUM IS THEN TOUGHENED SUBSTANTIALLY EACH TIME THE JUNTA GETS IN THE ACT.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE LATEST ARGENTINE PROPOSAL WOULD ASSURE WAR WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THAT I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT GALTIERI AND THE JUNTA WERE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED AND UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE A MEETING. I HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT GALTIERI WILL SEE ME AT 10:00 A.M. FRANKLY, I DOUBT THAT MY MESSAGE WILL REGISTER. EVEN IF HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES CAN BE CONVINCED THAT THE BRITISH ARE DEADLY SERIOUS, I DOUBT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT REALLY TO GRASP THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR ARGENTINA.

4. IF, AS I ANTICIPATE, I MAKE NO HEADWAY IN THE MORNING, I SHOULD DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS AND UNFAIR TO MRS. THATCHER FOR ME TO CARRY THESE PROPOSALS TO LONDON, THEREBY SHIFTING THE SPOTLIGHT AND ONUS ONTO HER. I PLAN TO MAKE A BRIEF, CALM, YET CLEAR DEPARTURE

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STATEMENT THAT WILL LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE AT AN IMPASSE BECAUSE OF ARGENTINE INFLEXIBILITY. I WILL BE NON-PROVOCATIVE, IN HOPES OF PRESERVING SOME CHANCE FOR RESUMING THIS PROCESS AND AVOIDING A SHARP ANTI-AMERICAN REACTION HERE. I WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND I ASK THAT YOU CABLE SUCH AN INSTRUCTION TO ME WITHOUT DELAY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT OUR AMBASSADOR WILL NOW BEGIN TAKING STEPS TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE HERE. IN ADDITION, BILL CLARK SHOULD CONTINUE REFINING THE PLANS THAT I DISCUSSED WITH HIM EARLIER IN THIS CRISIS.

5. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT THE ARGENTINES WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES BY TOMORROW AND OFFER US SOMETHING MORE FORTHCOMING. IN THAT UNLIKELY EVENT, WE WILL NEED TO MAKE FINER JUDGMENTS ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED, SUCH AS BY GOING ON TO LONDON OR WORKING THE PROBLEM FURTHER HERE. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT IN ANY EVENT THAT I HAVE IN HAND BEFORE MY MEETING WITH GALTIERI YOUR INSTRUCTION TO RETURN HOME. IF THE INSTRUCTION DOES NOT FIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY.

6. ASSUMING I LEAVE, I WILL SEND, ON DEPARTURE, THE TEXT OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSALS TO LONDON. I WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT THE US NEITHER IS ADVOCATING THESE PROPOSALS NOR EXPECTS THE UK TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE. I AM QUITE SURE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE BRITISH, AND PROBABLY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

HERE AS WELL. WE WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO REJECT ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROPOSALS.

7. WE WILL FIND THAT PRESSURES WILL MOUNT QUICKLY TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL US SUPPORT TO THE UK, AND CLEARLY OUR THINKING MUST NOW RUN IN THIS DIRECTION. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE A CHANCE TO RETURN AND DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU BEFORE ANYTHING IS DONE OR SAID ALONG THESE LINES.

8. THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE WITH THE PRESS HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER. UNTIL I MAKE MY DEPARTURE STATEMENT WE SHOULD MAINTAIN TOTAL SILENCE.
HAIG

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APRIL 17, 1982

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BEGIN TEXT

TO: U.S. DELEGATION SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

NODIS

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. I HAVE REVIEWED YOUR REPORT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT GALTIERI AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. FROM THIS DISTANCE, IT APPEARS THAT THE PRESIDENT LACKS THE STRENGTH TO CARRY THE JUNTA EVEN THOUGH HE MUST SURELY KNOW THAT FAILING TO ACT WITH COURAGE NOW MERELY FORESTALLS HIS ULTIMATE DECLINE. I AGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT THE TERMS OFFERED PROVIDE NO BASIS FOR COMPROMISE -- ESPECIALLY THE ASSERTION OF PRECONDITIONS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FINAL OUTCOME.

2. IT IS CONCEIVABLE AS YOU SAY THAT ENLIGHTENMENT MAY OCCUR OVERNIGHT AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH TOMORROW'S MEETING. FAILING SUCH A CHANGE, YOU ARE DIRECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE.

3. AT YOUR MEETING YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT GALTIERI AND HIS GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) FROM THE OUTSET THE UNITED STATES BELIEVED IT WORTHWHILE TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER IN THE INTEREST OF FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL VULNERABILITIES AND CRITICISM IT WOULD ENGENDER. (2) IT DID SO BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND OUR CONFIDENCE THAT THAT CONCERN WAS SHARED BY BOTH ARGENTINA AND GREAT BRITAIN. (3) IN THAT SPIRIT IT HAS COME AS A GREAT

DISAPPOINTMENT NOW TO RECEIVE A POSITION OF SUCH RETROGRESSION AS TO CALL INTO QUESTION THE VALUE OF CONTINUED EFFORTS ON OUR PART. (4) NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRE A MEASURE OF GOOD WILL AND SERIOUS INTENT ON BOTH SIDES. (5) THE UNITED STATES REMAINS WILLING TO LEND ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE PARTIES IN SEEKING A SOLUTION. (6) THE POSITION OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME IS NOT, HOWEVER, ONE WHICH HOLDS PROMISE OF CONTINUED PROGRESS. (7) THEREFORE, YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCONTINUE YOUR MISSION AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

4. YOU MAY MODIFY THESE POINTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO UNDERScore THAT BY ITS SHORTSIGHTEDNESS THE JUNTA HAS BROUGHT THIS UPON ITSELF.

5. I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONAL FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT. YOU UNDERTOOK AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TASK AND HAVE CARRIED THE BURDEN TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL AT GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE. FOR THAT YOU HAVE MY DEEP PERSONAL THANKS, AL. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OF YOUR SESSIONS IN SOME DETAIL UPON YOUR RETURN.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT

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FROM: THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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TO ACT WITH COURAGE NOW MERELY FORESTALLS HIS ULTIMATE DECLINE. I AGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT THE TERMS OFFERED PROVIDE NO BASIS FOR COMPROMISE -- ESPECIALLY THE ASSERTION OF PRECONDITIONS ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FINAL OUTCOME.

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FM USDEL SECRETARY BUENOS AIRES
EO 12065: RDS-1 4/17/12 (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)

1. PLEASE DELIVER ASAP THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
HAIG TO FOREIGN MINISTER PYM.

2. DEAR FRANCIS:
FURTHER TO MY MESSAGE OF EARLY THIS MORNING -- AND AS I GO
INTO MY 10:00 A.M. MEETING WITH THE JUNTA -- IWANT
YOU TO HAVE THE THREE KEY PARAGRAPHS WE RECEIVED LAST
NIGHT FROM COSTA MENDEZ FOLLOWING HIS MEETING AT CASA
ROSADA. AS I TOLD YOU IN MY MESSAGE, WE ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED.
THE ARGENTINE PARAGRAPHS ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. I WILL BE
IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN FOLLOWING MY MEETING. AL END OF MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN ARGENTINE PARAGRAPHS:
INTERIM ADMINISTRATION:
PENDING A DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT, ALL DECISIONS, LAWS AND
REGULATIONS TO BE HEREAFTER IMPLEMENTED ON THE
ISLANDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO AND EXPEDITIOUSLY RATIFIED
BY THE SPECIAL INTERIM AUTHORITY, EXCEPT IN THE EVENT
THAT THE SPECIAL INTERIM AUTHORITY DEEMS SUCH DECISIONS,

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
PURPOSES AND PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ITS IMPLE-
MENTATION. THE TRADITIONAL LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SHALL
CONTINUE THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS,
WHICH SHALL BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF
REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE LOCAL POLICE SHALL BE SUBJECT
TO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE SPECIAL INTERIM
AUTHORITY. THE FLAGS OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT
MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL INTERIM AUTHORITY SHALL BE FLOWN
AT ITS HEADQUARTERS.
LINKS BETWEEN MAINLAND AND ISLANDS:
FULL FREEDOM OF TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, MOVEMENT OF
PERSONS, RESIDENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY,
COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMERCE BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND THE
ISLANDS SHALL BE RECOGNIZED TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE

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ISLANDS AND TO THE ARGENTINE NATIONALS COMING FROM THE MAINLAND ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

THE SPECIAL INTERIM AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ON THESE MATTERS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THESE FREEDOMS, INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMPENSATION OF ISLANDERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN.

NEGOTIATIONS:

DECEMBER 31, 1982, WILL CONCLUDE THE INTERIM PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SIGNATORIES SHALL CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON MODALITIES FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ISLANDS FROM THE LIST OF NON-GOVERNING TERRITORIES UNDER CHAPTER XI OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND ON CONDITIONS FOR THEIR DEFINITIVE STATUS, ON THE BASIS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ARGENTINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND TAKING FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV), 2065 (XX) AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.)
SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON U.S. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO
ARGENTINA

1. IN LIGHT OF INSISTENT STORIES THAT THE U.S. IS PROVIDING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TO ARGENTINA RELATING TO THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DEPART ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS FROM OUR STANDARD "NO COMMENT" LINE. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE APPLIES:

Q: IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING SATELLITE INTELLIGENCE TO ARGENTINA?

A. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PROVIDING SATELLITE INTELLIGENCE TO ARGENTINA.

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING ANY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TO ARGENTINA ABOUT BRITISH ACTIONS IN THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS DISPUTE?

A. NO.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

Q. WILL WE BE PROVIDING ANY SUCH INTELLIGENCE?

A. I REFER YOU TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 14, I.E., "SINCE THE ONSET OF THE CRISIS, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT ACCEDED TO REQUESTS THAT WOULD GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CUSTOMARY PATTERNS OF COOPERATION BASED ON EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR STAND WHILE OUR EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY."

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING ANY SATELLITE INFORMATION OF ANY KIND--E.G., WEATHER REPORTS?

A. ARGENTINA--AS THE UNITED KINGDOM AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES--PARTICIPATES IN CIVILIAN SATELLITE PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOT INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS AND ARE NOT MILITARY IN NATURE. INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THESE

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SUBJ: MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

1. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS JUST COME BACK TO ME AFTER SEEING THE JUNTA. THE LANGUAGE HE DELIVERED IS UNACCEPTABLE. IN ESSENCE, IT CALLS FOR: 1) SHARED CONTROL IN THE INTERIM PERIOD, WITH PROVISIONS THAT WOULD PERMIT ARGENTINA TO SATURATE THE ISLANDS AND PUSH OUT THE FALKLANDERS; (2) CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A FINAL SETTLEMENT THAT AMOUNT TO A PRIOR AGREEMENT THAT THE RESULT WILL BE THE AFFIRMATION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY. WHAT LITTLE FLEXIBILITY THERE IS IN THEIR POSITION ON INTERIM CONTROL MUST BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR RIGID POSITION THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST LEAD TO AN AFFIRMATION OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.

2. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT

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DEALING WITH PEOPLE IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. I HAVE SPENT HOURS NEGOTIATING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AS WELL AS TIME WITH GALTIERI HIMSELF, ONLY TO FIND THAT WHAT IS AGREED AD REFERENDUM IS THEN TOUGHENED SUBSTANTIALLY EACH TIME THE JUNTA GETS IN THE ACT.

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3. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE LATEST ARGENTINE PROPOSAL WOULD ASSURE WAR WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THAT I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT GALTIERI AND THE JUNTA WERE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED AND UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE A MEETING. I HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT GALTIERI WILL SEE ME AT 10:00 A.M. FRANKLY, I DOUBT THAT MY MESSAGE WILL REGISTER. EVEN IF HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES CAN BE CONVINCED THAT THE BRITISH ARE DEADLY SERIOUS, I DOUBT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT REALLY TO GRASP THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR ARGENTINA.

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4. IF, AS I ANTICIPATE, I MAKE NO HEADWAY IN THE MORNING, I SHOULD DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS AND UNFAIR TO MRS. THATCHER FOR ME TO CARRY THESE PROPOSALS TO LONDON, THEREBY SHIFTING THE SPOTLIGHT AND ONUS ONTO HER. I PLAN TO MAKE A BRIEF, CALM, YET CLEAR DEPARTURE STATEMENT THAT WILL LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE AT AN IMPASSE BECAUSE OF ARGENTINE INFLEXIBILITY. I WILL BE NON-PROVOCATIVE, IN HOPES OF PRESERVING SOME CHANCE FOR RESUMING THIS PROCESS AND AVOIDING A SHARP ANTI-AMERICAN REACTION HERE. I WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, AND I ASK THAT YOU CABLE SUCH AN INSTRUCTION TO ME WITHOUT DELAY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT OUR AMBASSADOR WILL NOW BEGIN TAKING STEPS TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE HERE. IN ADDITION, BILL CLARK SHOULD CONTINUE REFINING THE PLANS THAT I DISCUSSED WITH HIM EARLIER IN THIS CRISIS.

5. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT THE ARGENTINES WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES BY TOMORROW AND OFFER US SOMETHING MORE

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FORTHCOMING. IN THAT UNLIKELY EVENT, WE WILL NEED TO MAKE FINER JUDGMENTS ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED, SUCH AS BY GOING ON TO LONDON OR WORKING THE PROBLEM FURTHER HERE. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT IN ANY EVENT THAT I HAVE IN HAND BEFORE MY MEETING WITH GALTIERI YOUR INSTRUCTION TO RETURN HOME. IF THE INSTRUCTION DOES NOT FIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY.

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6. ASSUMING I LEAVE, I WILL SEND, ON DEPARTURE, THE TEXT OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSALS TO LONDON. I WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT THE US NEITHER IS ADVOCATING THESE PROPOSALS NOR EXPECTS THE UK TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE. I AM QUITE SURE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE BRITISH, AND PROBABLY HERE AS WELL. WE WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO REFUTE ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROPOSALS.

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7. WE WILL FIND THAT PRESSURES WILL MOUNT QUICKLY TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL US SUPPORT TO THE UK, AND CLEARLY OUR THINKING MUST NOW RUN IN THIS DIRECTION. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE A CHANCE TO RETURN AND DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU BEFORE ANYTHING IS DONE OR SAID ALONG THESE LINES.

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8. THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE WITH THE PRESS HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER. UNTIL I MAKE MY DEPARTURE STATEMENT WE SHOULD MAINTAIN TOTAL SILENCE.

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Mr President,

Since we last talked, Al has cabled us with word that his morning sessions justify continuing on into the afternoon. He will report further immediately upon the afternoon session's conclusion.

The possibility that we still may get a break in Argentine obduracy, has an impact on your call to PM Thatcher. I recommend that you not characterize the state of play in Buenos Aires other than to say that Al is continuing his talks into the afternoon. Otherwise, the original talking points stressing the high importance you place on the "special relationship" we share, should be the theme.

Bill Clark

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