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HAIG HAS TELEPHONED ME AGAIN JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. HE SAID THAT THE ARGENTINIANS HAD COME FORWARD WITH THREE ALTERNATIVES.

THE FIRST WAS THAT HE SHOULD GO TO BUENOS AIRES BUT ONLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE O A S DEBATE WHICH WOULD MEAN NOT EARLIER THAN WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL. THEY COULD NOT HAVE HIM THERE WHILE THE DEBATE WAS PROCEEDING. HAIG HAD REPLIED THAT IN VIEW OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FLEET THAT WOULD BE TOO LATE.

THE SECOND PROPOSAL WAS THAT HAIG SHOULD ASK H M G TO HALT THE ADVANCE OF THE BRITISH FLEET. HAIG HAD REJECTED THIS AS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE. HE COULD NOT BRING IT ABOUT EVEN IF HE WANTED TO.

THE THIRD IDEA WAS THAT HAIG SHOULD TRANSMIT HIS PROPOSALS IMMEDIATELY THROUGH THE U S A EMBASY IN BUENOS AIRES. HE HAS DECIDED TO DO THIS. HE WILL ALSO TRANSMIT THE TEXT TO COSTA MENDEZ HERE AT SEVEN A.M. TOMORROW MORNING 27TH APRIL. HE HAS SAID THAT HE MUST HAVE AN ANSWER, YES OR NO, BY MIDNIGHT BUENOS AIRES TIME 27/28TH APRIL. THERE CAN BE NO SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXTUAL ALTERATIONS.



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HAIG WILL GIVE US THE TEXT TOMORROW. IT IS THE SAME AS THAT GIVEN US LAST FRIDAY EVENING. IT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNLESS THE ARGENTINES REJECT IT. IF THEY ACCEPT IT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICATION UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTED.

HAIG SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A FAIR CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE, THANKS TO OUR ACTION IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

FINALLY, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT WE MIGHT WISH TO BE A LITTLE FLEXIBLE AS REGARDS THE DEAD-LINE. IF, FOR INSTANCE THE ARGENTINIANS SAID THEY WANTED AN ADDITIONAL TEN HOURS, WE MIGHT BE PREPARED FOR HIM TO CONCEDE IT, BUT THERE WAS NO NEED TO DECIDE THAT NOW.

AS YOU WILL SEE HAIG HAS HOISTED IN THAT THERE IS NOT A LOT OF TIME, AND I BELIEVE HE THINKS THAT HE HAS AT LAST PERSUADED THE ARGENTINIANS THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS, OR, TO BE MORE EXACT HE BELIEVES THAT OUR ACTION HAS DONE THIS.

HENDERSON

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