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FALKLANDS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE URGENTLY FROM ME TO MR HAIG.
BEGINS. I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW IMMEDIATELY THAT THE BRITISH
CABINET HAS NOW CONSIDERED YOUR PROPOSALS FOR A NEGOTIATED
SOLUTION TO THE FALKLANDS CRISIS.

AS YOU KNOW, CABINET MEETS REGULARLY ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AND WE
HAD EXPECTED THAT THE ARGENTINIANS WOULD BEFORE THEN HAVE EITHER
ACCEPTED YOUR PROPOSALS WITHOUT TEXTUAL ALTERATIONS OR REJECTED
THEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS AND THE DEADLINE WHICH
YOU SAID YOU WOULD BE PUTTING TO COSTA MENDEZ WHEN TRANSMITTING
THE TEXT TO HIM. I CANNOT CONCEAL FROM YOU THAT MY COLLEAGUES
WERE VERY SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE DEADLINE HAD PASSED AND
THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ARGENTINIAN PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS
APPEARED NOT TO BE EXCLUDED.

THE CABINET TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE COMBINATION OF ARGENTINIAN
DELAY AND THEIR REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR
REPEATED PUBLIC INSISTENCE THAT THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE ON THE
ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY, MUST BE CONSTRUED AS AN ARGENTINIAN
REJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS AS THEY
STAND. IT IS THEREFORE OUR VERY FIRM EXPECTATION, BASED ON ALL
THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD TOGETHER, THAT YOU WILL CONFIRM
THIS PUBLICLY TONIGHT AND THAT WE SHALL HENCEFORTH BE ABLE TO
RELY ON THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES IN APPLYING

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PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA TO MOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITION. I HOPE THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN GET TOGETHER VERY QUICKLY TO DISCUSS WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD DO TO THIS END.

GIVEN THE ARGENTINIAN REJECTION OF YOUR PROPOSALS, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NO REASON FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PRONOUNCE ON THEM IN ANY DETAIL AT THIS STAGE. BUT I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CABINET HAD FUNDAMENTAL RESERVATIONS, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THOSE AREAS WHICH YOU KNOW FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS TO BE OF THE GREATEST CONCERN TO US IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS REGARDED AS OF OVER-RIDING IMPORTANCE.

MARGARET THATCHER WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE SHE ATTACHES TO US SUPPORT IN THE SITUATION IN WHICH WE NOW FIND OURSELVES. ENDS

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