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FALKLAND ISLANDS : FCO SITREP : 0730 HOURS, 1 MAY 1982

Secretary of State's Movements

1. The Secretary of State leaves for Washington at 6.00 pm on 1 May. He proposes to travel to New York on Sunday evening, 2 May, and return to London on Monday evening, 3 May.

UN

2. Sr Costa Mendez has reaffirmed to the President of the Security Council Argentina's wish to continue negotiations. But there is no sign of any change in the Argentine position on sovereignty. Sr Costa Mendez has told the Secretary-General that Argentina saw 'no inconvenience' in action by the United Nations. Argentina did not see the Haig negotiations as dead.

3. Sr Costa Mendez is reported to have left New York for Buenos Aires.

4. Brazil has sent a message to the Secretary-General expressing the view that the UN 'should activate' its peace-keeping mechanisms and reminding him of the UN's responsibility for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 502 'in all its aspects'.

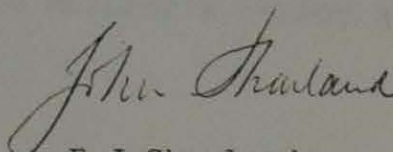
5. But at close of play in New York on 30 April, Sir Anthony Parsons had seen no sign of anyone seeking an early move to the Security Council.

World Press Reactions

6. Sr Costa Mendez' statements in New York appear to have had some success with the world press. There have been reports in various countries that Argentina has accepted Security Council Resolution 502.

United States

7. At a meeting with TV correspondents on 30 April, President Reagan said that 'he was sure that the United States would honour any requests for aid because he knew that they [the British] would not make any request which we [the United States] could not honour'. He also said that 'we stand ready - and both sides know it - to help if needs be to achieve a peaceful settlement'.



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