



THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

2 April 1982

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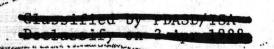
- (6) 1. We should let State get out in front on the issue, because it's not going to end with both parties happy with the interlocutor. We at Defense (at least in ISA) have a peculiar interest in not irritating Argentina. In South America, finally, it is the military-to-military relationship that matters--not State to Foreign Ministries.
- 2. We have some pressure points short of a Carlucci statement, or trip cancellation.
 - a. Admiral Hayward left Argentina ahead of schedule.
 - right now.
 - c. General Allen is slated to go to CONJEFAMER (this year in Argentina) on April 12, leaving here on the 10th.

We have the means for a graduated approach to the issue and we should use them, cautiously.

- 3. The argument for a strong U.S. response to Argentina is that if we do it correctly (and we consult privately with Argentina about what we're doing and why), then we may strengthen our hand with Congress on Humphrey-Kennedy and benefit Argentina in the end.
- One argument the other way is that we will get accused of trying to play policeman in the Western Hemisphere. Another is we will likely have no effect (a result of the Carter Administration proving to Argentina they can survive with U.S. disapproval), and the impression of U.S. impotence in its own backyard will be reinforced.

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ADM HAYWARD SENDS

1. (ADM HAYWARD WAS RECEIVED BY ADM ANAYA, CINCARRGNAV AND NAVAL MEMBER RULING JUNTA, AT 0825L THIS AM IN ARGNAV HDQTRS BLDGHERE IN BUENOS AIRES.

2. COMB ADM ANAYA EXPLAINED SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. AT 10 PM LOCAL LAST EVENING (1 APR) 70 ARGENTINE MARINES (REFERRED TO AS COMMANDOS) LANDED SOUTH OF PORT STANLEY, MALVINAS ISLANDD (FALKLANDS).

B. AT 4 AM THIS MORNING THE GOVT REDIO STATION ON THE ISLAND

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