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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel John G. Stanford
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

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Subject: Verification of Military Disengagement on the
Falkland Islands

The President has directed that the Secretary make every effort to assist the Governments of the United Kingdom and Argentina achieve a ceasefire and resolve their differences over the Falkland Islands without further recourse to arms. As part of a ceasefire it is possible that the Governments of the United Kingdom and Argentina will want the US Government to verify the military disengagement arrangements. They may also ask us to participate in the interim administration of the Islands.

To prepare for such contingencies, the Department of Defense is requested to provide the Department of State with an analysis of how the USG might verify military disengagement provisions of the attached proposed draft agreement and an estimate of the cost of such an undertaking. The Governments of the United Kingdom and Argentina will wish to minimize the cost of the verification mission and to keep the US presence on the Islands at a minimum.

Before undertaking the verification of military disengagement, the USG will seek to obtain assurances of both governments that they will cooperate with us and provide access to their facilities and territories to carry out this mission. Of course, the military disengagement provisions of the above draft agreement may change in light of military developments in and around the Islands or political developments elsewhere. We shall promptly inform you of all developments that significantly affect the verification requirements.

For purposes of this exercise, please develop alternative plans assuming:

- a) that the US will have access to UK and Argentine facilities and territories, and
- b) that access may be denied by one or both parties.

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TAGS: PPDC, PEPR, AS, US, UK, AR
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER OF 17 APRIL 1982 FROM
THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

BEGINS:

MY DEAR RONALD,

- I AM SURE THE WHOLE WORLD IS GRATEFUL FOR THE ENORMOUS
EFFORTS WHICH YOU PERSONALLY, AND THROUGH AL HAIG, HAVE
BEEN DEVOTING TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
CRISIS. I RECOGNISE THE ISSUES OF HEMISPHERE RELATIONS
WHICH FORM PART OF THE BASIS FOR THESE UNREMITTING EFFORTS.
WHILE AT THE TIME OF WRITING I CAN NOT BE SURE OF THEIR
OUTCOME I VERY MUCH HOPE FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

- SHOULD YOUR BEST EFFORTS FAIL, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO ME
OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE THAT EVERY ONE SHOULD BE CLEAR AS TO
WHERE THE UNITED STATES STANDS. BRITAIN HAS BEEN A VICTIM
OF UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION. IT HAS RECEIVED THE MORAL AND
PRACTICAL SUPPORT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES; ITS DEMAND THAT THE ARGENTINIAN FORCES WITH-
DRAW HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. BRITAIN STANDS SUPPORTED
BY THE COMMUNITY OF WESTERN NATIONS AS A VICTIM OF AN ACT
BY A COUNTRY WHICH HAS OF ITS OWN VOLITION CHOSEN TO
FOLLOW THE PATH OF AGGRESSIVE FORCE AND TO SET ASIDE THE
PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

- IN THE AFTERMATH OF A FAILURE OF AL HAIG'S EFFORTS
MANY COUNTRIES WOULD WATCH TO SEE AND BE GUIDED BY THE
STAND THE UNITED STATES TOOK. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN SUCH
CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD AMOUNT TO A SERIOUS BLOW TO
WESTERN VALUES, AND TO THE WESTERN ALLIANCE ITSELF, IF
THE UNITED STATES DID NOT UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORT BRITAIN.
FOR QUITE OTHER REASONS THE ALLIANCE IS ALREADY FACING
SERIOUS STRAINS AND IS DUE SHORTLY TO HOLD TWO MOST

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS. OVER THE YEARS BRITAIN HAS BEEN
AMERICA'S CLOSEST ALLY. THE FUTURE COHESION OF OUR
WESTERN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS WOULD BE AT STAKE.

- I HOPE YOU DO NOT MIND THE BLUNT TERMS OF THIS
MESSAGE. I AM ENCOURAGED TO SEND IT BECAUSE OF THE
UNIQUE TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND BRITAIN
AND BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. AND I FEEL
THAT THE SITUATION IS FAR TOO SERIOUS FOR ME TO STAY --
SILENT.

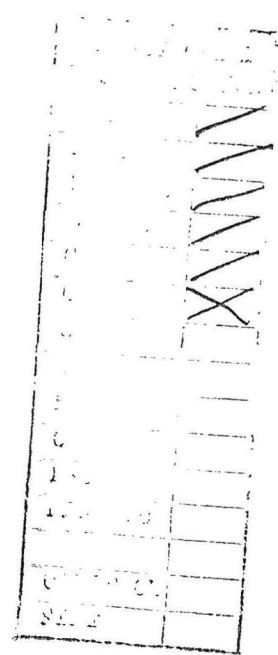
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THE OAS AVOID AT THIS TIME ANY ACTION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE SECRETARY'S EFFORT.

5. (U) ARGENTINE ESCROW ACCOUNT. THE ARGENTINE CENTRAL BANK HAS SET UP A SPECIAL ESCROW ACCOUNT AT THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF THE BANCO DE LA NACION TO RECEIVE DEBTS DUE TO INDIVIDUALS OR CONCERNS BASED IN BRITAIN. THE FUNDS WILL REMAIN IN THE U.S. BRANCH OF THE BANK AS LONG AS BRITAIN APPLIES ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA. EAGLEBURGER BT

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SUBJ: FALKLANDS SITUATION AS OF 0600 EST, APRIL 13, 1982,
SITUATION REPORT NO. 22

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY STOESSEL, TODEP 20013

1. (LOU; CONSULAR REBUFF. A CONSULAR OFFICER FROM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES HAS FORMALLY BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO THE FALKLANDS. AN ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICER SAID REQUIREMENTS TO REINFORCE AND SUPPLY THE ISLANDS TAKE PRECEDENCE IN THE USE OF AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT SPACE. THE MILITARY ASSURED US THAT ANY AMERICANS ON THE ISLANDS WHO WISHED TO TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE THE U.S. EMBASSY OR THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ADVISED US THAT THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ON THE ISLANDS HAVE A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THE AMERICANS CURRENTLY THERE.

2. POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT. DIRECTOR INFORMED US THAT THE U.K. ASKED THE [REDACTED] TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FALKLANDS IN ORDER TO TRACE MISSING BRITISH MARINES, AND TO ATTEMPT TO PROTECT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. THE GOA ALREADY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO AN [REDACTED] PRESENCE, BUT HAS NOT INDICATED WHEN IT WILL ALLOW A DELEGATION TO TRAVEL TO THE FALKLANDS [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL

CONCERNED IF A [REDACTED] PRESENCE COULD BE ESTABLISHED
SOON.

3. (U) CANADA IMPOSES SANCTIONS. CANADA HAS BANNED ALL IMPORTS OF ARGENTINE GOODS AND HALTED EXPORT CREDIT FINANCE. GOC OFFICIALS ESTIMATE CANADIAN EXPORTS TO ARGENTINA LAST YEAR WERE ABOUT 120 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS AND IMPORTS 52 MILLION DOLLARS. THE CANADIANS DID NOT THINK THAT A NEARLY-COMPLETED SALE TO ARGENTINA OF A HEAVY-WATER NUCLEAR REACTOR WOULD BE AFFECTED.

4. ACTION AT OAS: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MET APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER THE COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL OFFERING OAS COOPERATION TO RESOLVE THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE. BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO THE LANGUAGE BY ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN NATIONS, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ADJOURNED WITHOUT REACHING CONSENSUS AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON APRIL 13. AT THE SAME TIME, WE INFORMED THE GOA OF OUR DESIRE THAT

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR MIDDENDORF
~~E.O. 12065, RDB 0 4/10/12~~ (MIDDENDORF, J. WILLIAM)
TAGS: OAS, AR, UK, FA, PBOR
SUBJECT: AVERTING ARGENTINE REQUEST FOR RIO TREATY
CONVOCATION

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2. THE ARGENTINE OAS MISSION ADVISED US AND A
NUMBER OF OTHER OAS MISSIONS SATURDAY THAT IT IS
WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND IS PREPARED TO CALL
SUNDAY FOR A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNDER THE
RIO TREATY AS EARLY AS MONDAY DEPENDING ON HOW THE
BUENOS AIRES TALKS GO. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
SO YOU MIGHT WISH TO SEEK URGENTLY TO PERSUADE THE
ARGENTINES AGAINST TAKING SUCH AN ACTION WHILE

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ALSO PERHAPS PERSUADING THEM TO WAIT OR TO ACCEPT
ALONG WITH THE UK SOMETHING LIKE A 72 HOUR STAND-DOWN
OF HOSTILITIES WHICH COULD INCLUDE (A) A FREEZE IN
THE 200 MILE QUARANTINE TO PREVENT THE VERY REAL
POSSIBILITY OF A SHIP SINKING (WHICH I CONSIDER THE
MOST OMINOUS NEAR TERM DANGER OF ALL), (B) NO ARGENTINE
MOVEMENT, AND (C) A SLOWING DOWN OF HMG'S FLEET,
ALL TO BUY SOME TIME.

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3. THE ABOVE ANALYSIS OBVIOUSLY IS MADE WITHOUT
THE BENEFIT OF KNOWING HOW YOUR TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES
HAVE GONE TONIGHT. YOU WILL HAVE A MUCH BETTER
SENSE OF ARGENTINE INTENTIONS AND YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO PERSUADE THE ARGENTINES TO HOLD OFF ON THEIR
RIO TREATY REQUEST. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE IT WOULD
BE BEST TO AVOID DIVISIVE RIO TREATY ACTION AT THIS
TIME. NONETHELESS IF YOUR EFFORTS DO NOT SUCCEED
AND THE ARGENTINES ARE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH
THEIR CALL SUNDAY FOR ACTION MONDAY, WE HAVE SEVERAL
OPTIONS TO DEAL WITH THIS CONTINGENCY. THE PREFERRED
OPTION AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE TO SEEK TO PRE-EMPT
THE ARGENTINES BY TURNING THEIR REQUEST, IN THE DEBATE,
INTO A CALL FOR A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNDER
THE OAS CHARTER. THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES THE OPTIONS
AND SEEKS GUIDANCE ON WHICH TO PURSUE, IF ARGENTINA
FORCES OUR HAND.

4. THE OPTIONS SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT ARGENTINA IS
READY TO RESORT TO THE RIO TREATY ARE:

A) SUPPORT ON MONDAY THE COLOMBIA/ECUADOR/COSTA
RICA PROPOSAL OF LAST THURSDAY'S PERMANENT COUNCIL
TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP AND START CONSIDERATION
OF THE SPONSORS' GOOD OFFICES RESOLUTION. THIS
WILL BE OUR TACTIC FOR MONDAY IF ARGENTINA DOES NOT

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MOVE. THIS IS A NON-OPTION IF ARGENTINA DECIDES TO PROCEED. ACTIVITY BY A WORKING GROUP WOULD NOT PRE-EMPT A RIO TREATY CALL.

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B) GO ALONG WITH AN ARGENTINE REQUEST FOR A MEETING UNDER THE RIO TREATY, IF THEIR REQUEST IS MADE IN GENERAL TERMS--TO CONSIDER A SITUATION THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE PEACE OF AMERICA--RATHER THAN SPECIFICALLY CITING THE BRITISH AS AGGRESSORS. (AS OF THIS MOMENT A FINAL POSITION ON NON-APPLICABILITY OF THE RIO TREATY HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.) THIS BUYS TIME; IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF USE OF THE TREATY'S CONCILIATORY MEASURES RATHER THAN ITS PUNITIVE MEASURES. MEETING UNDER THE TREATY'S PROVISIONS, HOWEVER, EXCLUDES THE NON-SIGNATORY ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES, EXCEPT FOR TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, WHO WILL BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO THE UK. IF AFTER THE MEETING IS CONVENED THE SITUATION DETERIORATES (AN ARGENTINE SHIP IS SUNK) AND THE ARGENTINES PUSH FOR STRONGER ACTION AND THE LATIN AMERICAN SIGNATORIES FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE THE ARGENTINE SIDE, WE WILL BE IN BED WITH MEXICO BELATEDLY ARGUING THAT THE UN HAS PRIMACY: WE ALSO WILL HAVE

TO ARGUE AGAINST THE ARGENTINE RIGHT TO RIO TREATY PROTECTION. MAKING THESE ARGUMENTS WILL DRASTICALLY IMPAIR OUR OWN ABILITY TO USE THE RIO TREATY

MECHANISM LATER IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

C) SEEK TO TURN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ARGENTINE REQUEST TOWARD A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNDER THE CHARTER RATHER THAN THE TREATY. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OPTION WE WILL HAVE TO ENGAGE IN INTENSE LOBBYING, OF COURSE, AND THE VOTE COULD BE VERY CLOSE BECAUSE THE NON-TREATY SIGNATORY ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

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CANNOT VOTE ON AN ARGENTINE REQUEST TO INVOKE THE RIO TREATY. THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEANS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE ON THE MERITS OF A TREATY VS. CHARTER INVOCATION, HOWEVER, AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY HELP MAKE UP SOME MINDS. IT MAY SOUND OMINOUS TO HAVE UP TO 30 FOREIGN MINISTERS OR THEIR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. WE THINK THIS CAN BE MANAGED AND THAT THE BENEFITS OF A MEETING UNDER THE CHARTER OUTWEIGH THE COSTS: THE BENEFITS INCLUDE:

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- INCREASING THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY (20 OF 30) ON PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US.
- STRENGTHENING OUR HAND IN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE DISPUTE.
- AVERTING THE STANCE WE MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE IN AN MFN CONVENED UNDER THE TREATY, ARGUING FOR UN PRIMACY AND AGAINST THE ARGENTINE CLAIM TO TREATY PROTECTION. THE COSTS INCLUDE:
- THE RISK OF PROMOTING GREATER DIVISIVENESS IN THE OAS BY STIMULATING LATIN - CARIBBEAN RECRIMINATIONS. (THIS IS MANAGEABLE)
- THE RISK OF SHOWING OTHERS HOW TO PRE-EMPT US IN THE EVENT OF A FUTURE U.S. EFFORT TO UTILIZE THE RIO TREATY. (THIS SEEMS PREFERABLE TO A TREATY MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT)
- D) PRE-EMPT THE ARGENTINES BY NOT WAITING FOR DEBATE AND STIMULATING OR INITIATING A CALL FOR A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNDER THE CHARTER TO SEEK A PEACEFUL WAY OUT OF THE DISPUTE. THE COSTS/BENEFITS OF A MEETING

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UNDER THE CHARTER ARE THE SAME AS THOSE GIVEN IN OPTION (C) ABOVE. THE ADDITIONAL COST MAY BE THAT SOME WILL SEE US AS HAVING TAKEN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF ARGENTINA'S STRAIGHT FORWARDNESS WITH US. (THE SECRETARY'S DELEGATION WILL HAVE TO FACTOR THEIR OWN IMPRESSION

INTO THIS EVALUATION.)

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4. WHEN ARGENTINA OAS AMBASSADOR QUIJANO CALLED USOAS LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON TO ADVISE US THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO REQUEST RIO TREATY CONVOCATION TOMORROW, DEPENDING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUENOS AIRES HE ADDED THAT HE VISUALIZED A LOW-KEY REQUEST UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF THE TREATY CALLING ATTENTION TO A "FACT OR SITUATION THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE PEACE OF AMERICA" AND WAS ASSURING ALL PERM REPS THAT ARGENTINA WOULD NOT BE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. WHILE REALIZING THAT QUIJANO'S HANDS LARGELY ARE TIED, WE SOUGHT TO PERSUADE HIM TO CONSIDER INSTEAD THE ADVISABILITY OF REQUESTING A MEETING UNDER THE CHARTER (ARTICLE 59--"TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF AN URGENT NATURE AND OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN STATES"). WE ASKED QUIJANO TO TRY TO PERSUADE BUENOS AIRES TO REQUEST AN MFM UNDER THE CHARTER RATHER THAN UNDER THE TREATY ON THE GROUNDS IT WOULD PERMIT US TO PLAY A MORE HELPFUL ROLE. QUIJANO HAD CLEARLY IN MIND THE BENEFITS TO ARGENTINA OF A MEETING UNDER THE TREATY WITH ONLY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRESENT OF THE CARIBBEANS BUT HE PROMISED TO CONVEY OUR REQUEST FORCEFULLY TO BUENOS AIRES. WE HOPE THE LINE WE TOOK WITH QUIJANO PROVES HELPFUL BUT, IF IT DOES NOT, WE THINK WE MUST BE READY TO DEAL WITH AN ARGENTINE INVOCATION OF THE TREATY. (COMMENT: WE SEE ARGENTINA'S DECISION

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TO USE ART. 6 OF RIO TREATY RATHER THAN THE MUCH MORE PROVOCATIVE ART. 3 WHICH WOULD CITE THE BRITISH AS AGGRESSORS AS SIGNIFICANT LOWERING OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS BASED ON THEIR CONSULTATIONS. BOTH ARGENTINE GOALS AND THEIR CHANCES OF ACHIEVING THEM COULD BE AUGMENTED GREATLY BY A UK ATTACK ON ARGENTINE FORCES WHICH COULD OCCUR AS EARLY AS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY IN THE QUARANTINE ZONE.)

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5. TIME CONSTRAINTS ON DECISIONS APPEAR AS FOLLOWS:

-- IF THE ARGENTINES AGREE TO HOLD OFF, WE CAN PURSUE OPTION A) MONDAY AS WE INTENDED.

-- IF THE ARGENTINES DECIDE TO PROCEED, WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE DISPUTE IN THE OAS ON MONDAY IN LATE MORNING.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THAT FOR MONDAY YOU APPROVE FOR USE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS A COURSE OF ACTION WHEREBY WE WOULD SEEK, IN PERMANENT COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ARGENTINE REQUEST, TO PRODUCE A CONVOCATION OF A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNDER THE OAS CHARTER.

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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)

SUBJECT: ROUND 2 - LONDON DISCUSSIONS

1. ~~(S) ENTIRE TEXT.~~

2. EMBASSY THINKING IS REQUESTED ON TWO MATTERS RELATED TO
OUR EFFORTS HAVING TO DO WITH ADMINISTRATION OF FALKLANDS.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT UK MAY NEED TO SEEK LEGISLATION
(AN OBVIOUS COMPLICATING FACTOR IN OUR EFFORTS) IN ORDER TO
IMPLEMENT AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GLOSSES ON THE
EXISTING ADMINISTRATION OF ISLANDS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO
PRESERVE BRITISH LAW AND ADMINISTRATION OF ISLANDS, INCLUDING
ROLE OF GOVERNOR AND LOCAL COUNCILS. AT SAME TIME, WE
ENVISAGE THAT SOME KIND OF GROUPINGS OF STATES WOULD ASSIST
IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT, AND THAT ALL DECISIONS, LAWS AND

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REGULATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOMINALLY REQUIRE RATIFICATION BY THIS GROUPING. THE RATIFICATION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED, EXCEPT WHEN THE GROUP DEEMED A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT. EMBASSY JUDGMENT NEEDED AS TO WHETHER THIS KIND OF FRAMEWORK COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY AN ORDER IN COUNCIL OR OTHER MEANS SHORT OF LEGISLATION. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILED INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN ASSEMBLE ON ISLANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING, POWERS, AND ITS RELATIONSHIPS TO LONDON.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THIS INFORMATION ON ARRIVAL.

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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.)

SUBJ: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE
HAIG

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME
MINISTER THATCHER ASAP:

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER,

I HAVE HAD LENGTHY AND INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HERE, AND I
NOW EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN LONDON ABOUT 0630 A.M. MONDAY,
APRIL 12.

I WILL BE PREPARED TO TALK TO YOU WHENEVER YOU WISH ABOUT
A DRAFT PROPOSAL AND SOME ADDITIONAL IDEAS THAT HAVE COME
OUT OF OUR 12 HOURS OF MEETINGS HERE.

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IN THE MEANTIME, I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE THAT ANY
MILITARY CONFRONTATION MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS UNTIL
YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONSIDER THIS DRAFT PROPOSAL.

ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR SERIOUS PROBLEMS REMAIN; SOME
PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. WITH WARM REGARDS, AL HAIG.
END TEXT.

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TAGS: PEPR, PINS, UK, AR, US

SUBJECT: FALKLAND CRISIS: THE PRICE OF INTRANSIGENCE

1. SUMMARY. U.K. INTRANSIGENCE ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE, IF IT LEADS TO LINGERING CRISIS, WOULD SKEW SHARPLY BRITAIN'S FUTURE, WITH ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR US. WE MAY NEED THUS TO TELL THATCHER AT SOME POINT THAT SHE ENDANGERS NOT ONLY HERSELF BUT ALSO OUR COMMON PURPOSES BY HANGING TOO TOUGH. END SUMMARY.

2. THATCHER HAS DEFINED SUCCESS TO MEAN WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH ADMINISTRATION. ANYTHING LESS -- BY HER OWN STANDARD -- IS BOUND, SHE BELIEVES, TO LOOK LIKE FAILURE AND WOULD BRING HER DOWN, AND WITH HER THE TEMPLE OF THE TORY MANDATE. SHE EXAGGERATES, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY SHE IS RIGHT. YET INDECISIVE CONFLICT ALSO WILL DRAIN HER SUPPORT AS JINGO-

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ISM FADES AND CHARGES OF MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC INCOMPE-
TENCE MOUNT.

3. VULNERABLE TO SUCH CHARGES, TORY BACK BENCHERS WILL WANT TO HANG ON TO THEIR SEATS. THUS IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS OR AN EARLY MILITARY SUCCESS, PRESSURES WILL INCREASE TO DUMP THATCHER. MODERATES WILL CONSPIRE; PYM, PRIOR, WHITELAW OR ANOTHER POPULAR TORY FIGURE LIKE MICHAEL HESELTINE MAY BE PRESSED FORWARD. MRS. THATCHER MIGHT BE EJECTED IN THE WAKE OF AN EARLY DEBACLE, BUT SHE IS MORE LIKELY TO TRY TO TOUGH IT OUT, AND IN EXTREMIS MIGHT GO TO THE PEOPLE FOR A MANDATE TO VINDICATE BRITISH HONOR. THE RESULTS OF SUCH AN ELECTION ARE UNPREDICTABLE, BUT THE RACE WOULD TEAR THE COUNTRY APART.

4. LABOR IS SQUABBLING OVER THIS CRISIS -- AS IT IS OVER EVERYTHING ELSE. IT WANTS TO CAPITALIZE ON THATCHER'S PROBLEMS, BUT IS CLOVEN BY PATRIOTISM AND DISTASTE FOR THE USE OF FORCE. LABOR, MOREOVER, DOES NOT WANT AN EARLY ELECTION; NOR DOES IT WANT MRS. THATCHER REPLACED BY A LESS CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE. THE SDP/LIBERAL ALLIANCE IS LOW IN ITS FOXHOLE: IT, TOO, FACES INTERNAL STRUGGLES AND MUCH WORK BEFORE IT COULD REALLY FIGHT AN ELECTION.

5. IN THE LATEST APRIL 5 POLL, THE CONSERVATIVES AT 34 PERCENT WERE SLIGHTLY AHEAD, WITH LABOR AT 32 AND THE ALLIANCE AT 30. THESE FIGURES COULD CHANGE FAST. BUT IF THEY HELD, BRITISH ELECTION LAWS COULD GIVE LABOR A PLURALITY IN THE COMMONS. THE ALLIANCE PARTY COULD CHOOSE COALITION WITH THE TORIES, AND LABOR WOULD BE DENIED THE CHANCE TO GOVERN. HOWEVER, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF BITTERNESS OVER THE FALKLANDS, FORMATION OF A TORY-ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TORTUROUS.

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6. THE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY IS JUST BEGINNING TO BE CONSIDERED. THE MAIN SHORT-TERM EFFECT IS LIKELY TO BE ON THE POUND WHICH HAS ALREADY DEPRECIATED. WHILE A SHARPLY FALLING POUND WAS ONE REASON WHY BRITAIN PULLED OUT OF SUEZ, THIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SO FAR APPEAR CONCERNED. TREASURY SECRETARY BRITTAN HOPES ADDITIONAL SPENDING CAN BE COVERED BY CONTINGENCY FUNDS, BUT SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SHRINK FROM RAISING TAXES IF NECESSARY. A BRIEF CRISIS MAY HAVE NO MAJOR EFFECT ON THE BUDGET OR OVERALL ECONOMIC STRATEGY. BUT IN A DRAWN-OUT STRUGGLE, NEW TAXES PROBABLY WOULD BE NECESSARY WITH CONSEQUENT EFFECTS ON INFLATION AND INCOME. SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES OF SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY REQUIRE NEW REVENUE. NEW TAXES WOULD INCREASE PRESSURES ON THE GOVERNMENT. BUT THE NEED FOR SUCH ACTION, AND ITS EFFECT, MAY NOT BE CLEAR FOR WEEKS.

7. ON THE DEFENSE FRONT, SOME THINK THE FALKLANDS EXPERIENCE ALREADY HAS KILLED TRIDENT. WE ARE NOT SO SURE, AS LONG AS MRS. THATCHER SURVIVES. BUT THERE WILL CERTAINLY NOW BE SOME CHANGE IN THE PLANNED NAVAL CUTS. IT IS HARD TO SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW THE CARRIER INVINCIBLE CAN BE SOLD AS PLANNED OR ITS SISTER, HERMES, QUICKLY SCRAPPED. THE MONEY WILL HAVE TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE. HARD CHOICES LIE AHEAD, AND THE BRITISH ARMY ON THE RHINE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED EXEMPT FROM CUTS.

8. IN FOREIGN POLICY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE -- WHICH TENDS

TO BE PAINTED YELLOW BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT -- HAS BEEN FURTHER WOUNDED BY CHARGES THAT IT DROPPED THE BALL. AS BRITAIN RETURNS TO WIDER CONCERNS, IT WILL DO SO WITH MORE QUESTIONING AND LESS ASSURANCE ABOUT ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD. POLICY IS LIKELY TO BE MORE DEFENSIVE, EVEN QUIXOTICALLY NATIONALISTIC -- AND LESS STEADY.

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9. FOR THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AS AN ALLY MAY BE LESS RELIABLE, LESS HELPFUL, AND MORE SELF-PREOCCUPIED IN THE FUTURE. IT MAY ALSO BE TROUBLESOME. WE ALREADY ARE BEING ATTACKED AS TOO NEUTRAL IN THE CONFRONTATION WITH ARGENTINA. IN THE NEXT DAYS BRITONS WILL BE WATCHING US CLOSELY FOR SIGNS WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO REPAY BRITAIN'S FIDELITY TO US.

10. THATCHER'S CROWD ALSO HAS SET US UP TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR FAILURE. OF COURSE, THEY THINK THEY ARE RIGHT AND ARGENTINA WRONG. BUT HER INTRANSIGENCE, AND THE PUBLIC THREAT THAT SHE WILL USE FORCE IF NECESSARY, HAVE CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION HERE THAT THE U.S. TASK IS, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, TO FORCE ARGENTINA TO BACK DOWN. IF SHE IS FORCED TO ACCEPT LESS THAN AN OPTIMUM RESULT, THERE MAY BE TABLOID CHARGES THAT THE U.S. ADDICTION TO "TINPOT DICTATORS" IS TO BLAME. MOST BRITONS, AND THE LARGE AND MODERATE CENTER, WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR OUR HONEST AND

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VIGOROUS EFFORTS. BUT WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A FLASH OF EMOTION AGAINST THE U.S. ARE HIGH.

11. BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR US OF A LINGERING CRISIS, WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER LETTING THATCHER KNOW QUICKLY THAT, WHILE WE WANT A SOLUTION THAT PROTECTS HER INTERESTS, WE ALSO WANT HER TO HELP US FIND A PATH THAT PROTECTS BROADER INTERESTS, INCLUDING OUR LONGER-TERM STAKE IN TORY SURVIVAL. WHILE THE FACTS LAID OUT ABOVE MAY HELP PERSUADE HER, WE MAY ALSO NEED TO TWIST HER ARM -- EVEN IF THIS MEANS LAYING OURSELVES OPEN TO MORE BLAME FOR THE CONSEQUENCES. STREATOR
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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.)

SUBJECT: UK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ON ASCENSION
ISLAND

REF: SECTO 5024

1. ~~ENTIRE TEXT~~

2. I MET WITH UK DCM THOMAS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS
UK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ON ASCENSION (SEE
REFTEL). BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DETAIL IN THE ORIGINAL
REQUEST, I WAS ABLE TO BUY US AT LEAST A DAY'S GRACE BY
TELLING THOMAS WE WERE CONSIDERING THE REQUEST
SYMPATHETICALLY BUT NEEDED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE WE
COULD GET BACK WITH AN ANSWER. THOMAS INDICATED NO
GREAT SENSE OF URGENCY AND ADMITTED THAT HE WAS NOT CLEAR
WHEN HMG WANTED THE SUPPORT IT WAS ASKING FOR. HE

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UNDERTOOK TO GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS HE COULD AND I
REITERATED OUR SYMPATHETIC APPROACH TO THE REQUEST. STOESEL
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TAGS: AR, FA, UK, US

SUBJECT: ROYAL AIR FORCE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUEL
AT ASCENSION ISLAND

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT~~

2. SUMMARY: THE BRITISH ARE PASSING TO US THROUGH
MILITARY CHANNELS REQUESTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL FUEL
SUPPLIES AT ASCENSION ISLAND. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THEIR
REQUESTS, AND THE FACT THAT THEY MAY BE BACK FOR MORE,
WE BELIEVE THIS ISSUE MERITS POLICY LEVEL REVIEW. ACTION
REQUESTED: GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY

3. ON 7 APRIL 82 THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TRANSMITTED THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE AIR ATTACHE. QUOTE:
FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH COL. BICKFORD DIRECTOR OPS WORLD-
WIDE DSFC AND TELECON GROUP CAPTAIN BUTON 6 APR, ANTICIPATE

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SHORTFALL IN JP 5 AVAILABLE TO RAF AT ASCENSION TO MEET
PLANNED OPS 7 TO 13 APR PENDING CLEARANCE SHIPMENT
OF JP 5 ARRIVING 8 APR. WOULD BE GRATEFUL, IF USAF NATIONAL
STOCKS PERMIT, FURTHER 100,000 U.S. GALLS BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO UK. FOR FUTURE PLANNING WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON
SHIPMENTS JP 5 TO ASCENSION IN DATES AND QUANTITIES
FOLLOWING SHIPMENT DUR 8 APR. UNQUOTE

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE 100,000 GALLONS OF JP 5 HAS BEEN
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RAF.

5. THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AGAIN APPROACHED THE ASST. AIR
ATTACHE ON 10 APRIL 82 REGARDING FUTURE JP 5 SHIPMENTS.
IT IS THE RAF UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A TANKER
NOW OFFLOADING 1.3 MILLION GALLONS OF JP 5 AT
ASCENSION. THEY HAVE ASKED THAT THE USG AUTHORIZE THIS
TANKER TO FILL THE STORAGE TANKS AT ASCENSION TO FULL
CAPACITY (TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION GALLONS) FOR RAF
USE. ADDITIONALLY, THE BRITISH HAVE AN URGENT
NEED FOR ANOTHER TANKER WITH A SIMILAR QUANTITY OF JP 5
TO ARRIVE AT ASCENSION NO LATER THAN 24 APRIL 82.

6. SHOULD THE USG NOT SUPPLY THE RAF WITH FUEL AS
REQUESTED, OUR CONTACTS TOLD US THE RAF WILL BRING IN
THEIR OWN TANKER TO ASCENSION. STREATOR
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SUBJECT: ROYAL AIR FORCE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUEL AT
ASCENSION ISLAND

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1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, ADVISE HMG THAT THE TANKER
PRESENTLY OFFLOADING AT ASCENSION HAS NO ADDITIONAL CARGO
FUEL AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY.

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3. WE WILL INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE OF THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL LOAD OF FUEL WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD DESIRED. SHOULD WE NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HMG DELIVERING ADDITIONAL FUEL BY MEANS OF ITS OWN TANKERS.

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Information as of 1100, 7 April 1982

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Negotiating Positions

British officials today ruled out US mediation efforts until Argentine forces are withdrawn and British administration is restored to the Falklands. In particular, London is skeptical of the "Hong Kong" solution whereby sovereignty over the islands would pass to Argentina, and Britain would lease them for a considerable period. (U)

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Argentine Foreign Minister Costa Mendez has said he is confident peace with Britain can be achieved. Interior Minister Saint Jean, moreover, was quoted as saying that Argentina has a "clear willingness to accept a mediation, particularly from a friendly country." (U)

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Comment: Even though displeasure in Buenos Aires with the US position appears to be increasing, the Argentines still view the potential US role as important. The Argentines, moreover, appear to be increasingly more disposed to negotiate and consider concessions. (U)

Latin American Reactions

Brazil has given British and Argentine representatives in Brasilia notes urging a peaceful solution. Our embassy in Brasilia believes Brazil wants a solution and that it could play

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a useful role in influencing Argentina toward a constructive direction. At this point, however, Brazil is not seeking an active role and is attempting to remain neutral. (U)

Colombia, backed by Ecuador and Costa Rica, has called for an emergency meeting of the OAS Permanent Council to discuss the dispute. Colombia advocates a peaceful solution. Mexico has expressed support for Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falklands but says Buenos Aires should withdraw its troops. Honduras has become the third Central American country after Nicaragua and Panama to express support for Argentina's move. Chilean Foreign Ministry sources have denied Santiago has offered refueling facilities to the British. (U)

[REDACTED]

Comment: Latin American countries are becoming increasingly concerned about the regional implications of a potential Argentine-British confrontation. Many will probably increase their efforts to promote a negotiated settlement. (U)

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West European Reactions

France today imposed an embargo on the shipment of arms and spare parts to Argentina. The embargo includes aircraft, antiaircraft missiles, and ammunition. Belgium also banned arms sales to Buenos Aires and recalled its ambassador from Argentina. (U)

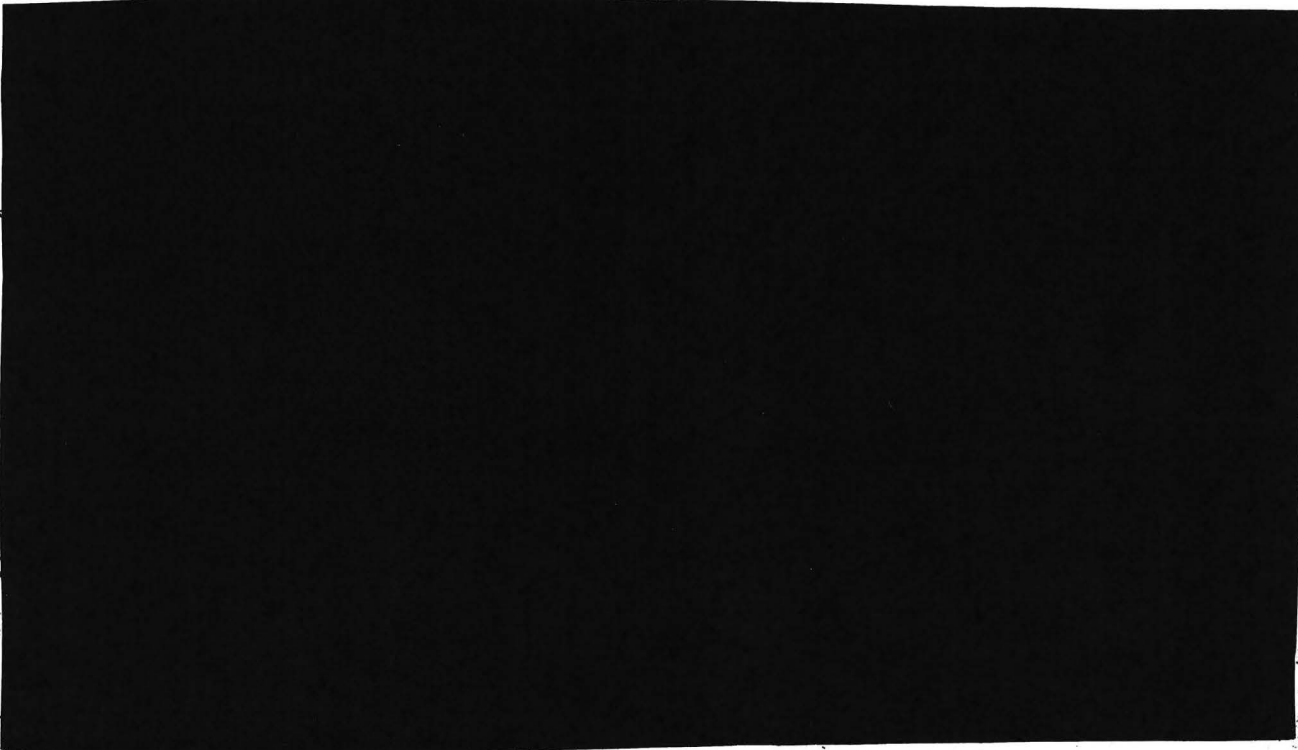
In pressing the EC to impose economic sanctions against Buenos Aires Britain has strongly implied it wants a complete embargo of all Argentine imports. London, however, apparently will not ask the other EC countries to freeze Argentine assets.

Comment: The British will be especially gratified with Paris's action, which follows a similar move by Bonn, its other major European ally and economic partner. Despite the strong support for Britain's position in most EC countries, it is unclear if the Community will apply formal sanctions. In any

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case, it is unlikely that a decision can be reached before Easter and probably not until the end of next week. (S-100)

Comment: The Argentine Government still enjoys strong public support, but is concerned about its ability to control political developments, particularly if its military adventure goes awry. (S-100)



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In Argentina

- Argentine Foreign Minister Costa Mendez has said he is confident peace with Britain can be achieved. Interior Minister Saint Jean, moreover, was quoted as saying that Argentina has a "clear willingness to accept a mediation, particularly from a friendly country."
- Our embassy reports that the Argentine government probably would make concessions on the rights and privileges of the Falklanders, and that an agreement for on-site international observers might be obtainable. It believes a withdrawal from the islands in return for renewed negotiations on the transfer of sovereignty would be much more difficult. It believes, however, that a withdrawal and restoration of British administration is unobtainable, and that no Argentine government could survive this result.

Comment: Even though displeasure in Buenos Aires with the US position appears to be increasing, the Argentines still view a potential US role as important. The Argentines, moreover, appear to be increasingly more disposed to negotiate and consider concessions.

- Our embassy reports there is unhappiness in the armed forces because senior officers were excluded from and not informed of the invasion decision. Although Galtieri may have problems ahead, the embassy believes they will have no choice but to rally around.
- Our embassy expects "a state of frenzied nationalism" in Argentina as the British task force approaches. It senses "rising nervousness" in the government and public in general as it becomes clear the expected victory may not materialize.
- An Argentine military governor is scheduled to be sworn in on the Falklands today.

On the Diplomatic Front

- Brazil has given British and Argentine representatives in Brasilia notes urging their governments to seek a peaceful solution. Our embassy in Brasilia believes Brazil is keenly interested in a solution and that it could play a useful role in influencing Argentina toward a constructive direction. At this point, however, Brazil does not appear to seek an active role and is attempting to remain neutral.
- Senior Venezuelan government officials reportedly fully support Argentina's seizure of the Falklands. They believe the issue must be looked upon as a Latin American problem and not just as an Argentine problem. They believe Latin American public opinion would favor

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Argentina.

-- Colombia, backed by Ecuador and Costa Rica, has called for an emergency meeting of the OAS permanent council to discuss the dispute. Colombian foreign minister says his country advocates a peaceful solution.

-- Mexico has expressed support for Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falklands but says Buenos Aires should withdraw its troops.

-- Honduras has become the third Central American country after Nicaragua and Panama to express support for Argentina's seizure of the Falklands.

-- Chilean Foreign Ministry sources have denied that Santiago has offered refueling facilities to the British.

Comment: Latin American countries are becoming increasingly concerned about the regional implications of a potential Argentine-British confrontation. They probably will increase their efforts to promote a negotiated settlement to avoid making tough decisions.

UK Domestic Situation

-- The Thatcher government faces a second stormy day of Parliamentary debate today as it tries to regain its balance and reestablish authority. The government wants to keep further reshuffling of posts to a minimum and will have party whips keep the backbench in line.

-- Aside from a handful of leftwingers, Labor and Social Democratic parties will for the time being continue to support a tough stance by the government, and Liberal Party leader David Steel is preparing for a quick general election, although he believes the chances are remote that there will be an election.

-- Opinion polls indicate that two out of three Britons support a tough government response although a substantial minority believes the government is at fault in permitting the crisis to develop.

Comment: Thatcher is determined to ride out the storm and appears to have pinned her hopes on advice from senior Ministry of Defense officials who want a military victory over more moderate voices in the Foreign office who are preaching caution. Defense Secretary Nott seems safe as long as he is needed to plan military strategy, but Labor may be demanding his resignation later as a price for its support now. Nonetheless, if today's debate does not go well, Thatcher probably would sacrifice Nott to save the government.

UK-EC

-- In pressing the EC to impose economic sanctions against Buenos Aires Britain has strongly implied it wants a complete embargo of all Argentine imports, but London apparently will not ask the other EC countries to freeze Argentine assets.

Comment: Despite the strong support for Britain's position in most other EC

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countries, chances of a formal application of sanctions by the Community are unclear. In any case, it is unlikely that a decision can be reached before Easter and probably not until the end of next week.

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Situation in Falkland Islands as of 1700 EST, April 10, 1982

1. (U) President's Speech: In a radio broadcast to the US from Barbados, President Reagan said again that the United States stood ready to "do all we can" to end the confrontation between Argentina and the UK.
2. (U) Argentines Rally as Secretary Visits: In what some reporters described as Argentina's largest political demonstration ever, tens of thousands of Argentines gathered in the Plaza outside the President's office as the Secretary met with President Galtieri. Galtieri told reporters following this initial meeting that he was "optimistic regarding a negotiated solution". Speaking to the emotionally charged crowd, Galtieri appealed to the UK for moderation, and declared Argentina's determination to stand up to the British. His patriotic speech was broken by cries of "war - war". Some demonstrators later moved to the US Embassy for a vocal but peaceful demonstration.
3. (U) EC Prohibits Argentine Imports: The EC announced a ban on all Argentine imports to take effect next week and appealed to other countries to join the Community in like measures. Two other possible actions under discussion are removal of Argentina from lists of the Community's GSP beneficiaries and suspension of officially-guaranteed export credits. USEC reports there are intra-EC disputes over the legal basis and competence to undertake these additional moves. Discussions will continue next week.
4. (U) Cuba Backs Argentina: After a year-long absence, Cuba's Ambassador to Argentina returned today to offer Cuba's strong support to the GOA.
5. (U) UN Security Council Meets: The Council met informally April 9 to be briefed on receipt of a GOA note giving the Argentine position on the zone around the Falklands announced by the UK. The UK also sent a note informing the SC of its action, observing that Argentina had not complied with Resolution 1325.

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