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FALKLANDS: US STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY HAIG RELEASED TODAY
AT 1600 HOURS:

I WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. IT IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY DIFFICULT -- AND EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS -- PROBLEM. THE POSITIONS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HOLD ARE DEEPLY FELT, AND IN MANY CASES MUTUALLY CONTRADICTIONARY. BUT THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE ASSURED ME, AGAIN TODAY, THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO ON WORKING WITH US TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. THAT WILL REQUIRE FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES -- NOT ABANDONMENT OF PRINCIPLE, BUT RESPONSIBLE AND DEFENSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS. AS A RESULT OF MY CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON, PLUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS TODAY, I HAVE DEVELOPED NEW IDEAS WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. BASED ON THESE NEW IDEAS, THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE INVITED ME TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES. I PROPOSE TO DO SO ON THURSDAY 15 APRIL. (DAY DATE UNDERLINED)
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RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA. WE HAVE BEEN
CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN THESE RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR
INFLUENCE WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS. FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO EXISTING
OBLIGATIONS -- OR GOING BEYOND THEM -- WOULD OBVIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE
OUR ABILITY TO PLAY THE ROLE BOTH COUNTRIES WISH US TO PERFORM.
SINCE THE ONSET OF THE CRISIS, THE UNITED STATES HAS THEREFORE NOT
ACCEDED TO REQUESTS THAT WOULD GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CUSTOMARY
PATTERNS OF COOPERATION BASED ON EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.
THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR STAND WHILE OUR EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY.
THE EXCHANGES OF THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS INDICATE THAT EACH GOVERN-
MENT WELCOMES OUR ROLE AND RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING
OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE IT.

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