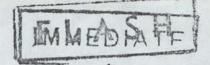
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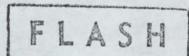
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FALKLANDS: US STATEMENT

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 CONTRADICTORY. 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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15 APRIL. (DAY DATE UNDERLINED) FROM THE OUTSET OF THIS CRISIS, THE UNITED STATES HAS VIEWED ITS ROLE AS THAT OF ASSISTING THE TWO SIDES IN FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. OUR ABILITY TO DO THIS IS BASED ON OUR LONG-STANDING RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA. WE HAVE SEEN CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN THESE RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE 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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