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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I HAVE JUST SEEN MCFARLANE AT THE WHITE HOUSE WHO TOLD ME THAT HAIG HAD BEEN ON THE SECURE LINE. HE WAS TRANSMITTING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON THE LATEST TEXT OF WHAT THE ARGENTINIANS WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT. CLEARLY, HAIG DID NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. HE WOULD BE LEAVING BUENOS AIRES IN ABOUT TWO HOURS TIME (1900Z). IF HMG THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE HAVING A MEETING WITH HIM, HAVING SEEN THE ARGENTINE PROPOSALS, HE WOULD FLY DIRECT TO LONDON. OTHERWISE HE WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

2. I TOLD MCFARLANE OF THE TERMS OF HAIG'S MESSAGE (FCO TELEGRAM TO WASHINGTON NO 758) AFTER YESTERDAY'S SESSION, AND OF YOUR REPLY. I MENTIONED THE CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM IN THE UK ABOUT THE US ATTITUDE ON THIS ISSUE AND I UNDERLINED HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR HAIG NOT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION.

3. MCFARLANE THOUGHT THAT HAIG, ON DEPARTURE FROM BUENOS AIRES, WOULD CONFINE PUBLIC REMARKS TO SAYING THAT HE HAD COMPLETED THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. I EMPHASISED TO MCFARLANE HOW ESSENTIAL IT WAS THAT THE SPOTLIGHT WOULD BE CLEARLY ON THE ARGENTINIANS FOR THEIR INFLEXIBILITY AND NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID OR DONE TO SUGGEST THAT WE WERE HOLDING THINGS UP.

5. MCFARLANE SPOKE ABOUT THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF DEALING WITH THE PRESENT ARGENTINE LEADERSHIP. HIS ACTUAL WORDS WERE "THE ABILITY TO GET A GOOD FAITH INTERLOCUTOR ON THEIR SIDE HAS ESCAPED US".

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