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The Secretary of State telephoned Mr Haig at 1.15 pm on 26 April to let him know that a message was on its way to him. The Secretary of State explained that the events of 25 April had changed the scene quite considerably. Moreover time was slipping away. We now had in mind a simpler approach which might include a pause by the Task Force as well as Argentine withdrawal. We had it in mind to try to turn the OAS meeting in Washington to advantage if at all possible. We thought that Mexico might be prepared to play a helpful role in this context. We were thinking of offering a conference and were also thinking of treating the Falkland Islands proper on their own, without the Dependencies. We hoped that the essentials of our proposals might be accepted quickly and that a halt in the Task Force's progress might have a helpful effect.

Mr Haig said that he had spoken to Mr Costa Mendez by telephone on the evening of 25 April and was expecting to speak to him again in 30 minutes' time. He looked forward to receiving Mr Pym's message as soon as possible. The Secretary of State commented that he doubted whether the message would arrive in time for Mr Haig's next conversation with Mr Costa Mendez.

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