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FALKLANDS.

EAGLEBURGER GAVE HEAD OF CHANCERY LATE THIS EVENING THE TEXTS IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS OF

- A) A DRAFT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY HAIG AT NOON TODAY (30 APRIL)
- B) A MESSAGE FROM HAIG TO YOU.

2. EAGLEBURGER CONFIRMED THAT THE N.S.C. WOULD BE MEETING TO APPROVE THE DRAFT STATEMENT AT 10 A.M. TODAY THE PRECISE STEPS THE U.S. WOULD TAKE, AS INDICATED IN THE DRAFT STATEMENT AND IN HAIG'S MESSAGE, WERE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL NSC.

3 RENWICK RAISED THE FOLLOWING POINTS ON THE STATEMENT.

- A) THE PHRASE QUOTE AS HOSTILITIES BECAME IMMINENT UNQUOTE WAS INACCURATE. HOSTILITIES HAD BEGUN WHEN ARGENTINA INVADED THE FALKLANDS ON 2 APRIL. EAGLEBURGER UNDERTOOK TO GET THIS CHANGED.
- B) THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA. THIS WAS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR ITS ECONOMIC BUT ALSO FOR ITS POLITICAL EFFECT AND BECAUSE OTHERS E.G. JAPAN WOULD USE THE ABSENCE OF A U.S. EMBARGO AS AN EXCUSE FOR FAILING TO IMPOSE ONE THEMSELVES. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT AN IMPORT EMBARGO WAS NOT EXCLUDED OR A SUBSEQUENT STEP. AS AN IMMEDIATE MEASURE, IT RAISED LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A FINDING THAT AN IMPORT BAN WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION TO THE ARMS EMBARGO THE AMERICANS WOULD BE USING ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO HOLD UP SENSITIVE EXPORTS TO ARGENTINA, AS THEY WERE ALREADY DOING OVER AIRCRAFT ENGINES ETC.

4. RENWICK SAID THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA. THE STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT QUOTE THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO REQUESTS FOR MATERIEL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES UNQUOTE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IN LONDON. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THIS UNDERTAKING SHOULD NOT BE DILUTED IN THE NSC MEETING. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE. RENWICK SAID THAT YOU WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE CLEAR UNDERTAKING IN HAIG'S MESSAGE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD VETO ANY RESOLUTIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH DEPARTED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM RESOLUTION 522. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS SENSE HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO MRS. KIRKPATRICK.

5. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT HAIG HAD SOUGHT TO PRESENT THE BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS AS HELPFULLY AS POSSIBLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT, DESPITE OUR RESERVATIONS, WE SHOULD NOT CONTRADICT THE STATEMENT QUOTE WE HAD REASON TO HOPE THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD CONSIDER A SETTLEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF OUR PROPOSAL UNQUOTE, SO THAT THE ONUS COULD BE PUT SQUARELY ON THE ARGENTINIANS.

6. EAGLEBURGER ENDED WITH A PLEA THAT WE SHOULD NOT COME BACK TO HAIG BEFORE THE NSC MEETING WITH A REQUEST FOR MAJOR CHANGES OR FURTHER STEPS. IF WE WISHED TO PURSUE THE QUESTION OF AN IMPORT EMBARGO, WE SHOULD DO SO SUBSEQUENTLY. THIS PACKAGE REPRESENTED WHAT THEY WERE CONFIDENT OF GETTING THROUGH THE NSC TOMORROW MORNING, INCLUDING THE REFERENCE TO SUPPORT FOR OUR FORCES. THIS WOULD PUT THE UNITED STATES SQUARELY ON OUR SIDE. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE STEPS THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOW BE TAKING.

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