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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON TEL NO 1678: FALKLANDS.

1. I AM NOT SUGGESTING FOR A MOMENT THAT WE SHOULD SUSPEND OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 51. BUT IF WE WERE TO FOLLOW HAIG'S ADVICE AND BE SEEN TO BE GRATUITOUSLY CLOBBERING THE ARGENTINES AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT IT WOULD SPELL THE IMMEDIATE END OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S NEGOTIATIONS AND AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
2. THE FORTUITOUS LULL OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP HERE IN ENABLING PEREZ DE CUELLAR TO GET ON WITH HIS EFFORT, WITHOUT THE COUNCIL BARKING AT HIS HEELS.

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