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FALKLANDS: US PRESS OF 16 MAY.  
UNDER THE HEADLINE: ARGENTINES PUT BLAME ON BRITISH FOR UN DELAY, THE  
NEW YORK TIMES QUOTES COSTA MENDEZ AS SAYING THAT SIR A PARSONS'  
<sup>RC-TU</sup>  
~~137RN~~ TO LONDON PROVES THAT QUOTE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DELAY  
OR THE PROLONGATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS CERTAINLY NOT ARGENTINIA'S  
BUT BRITAIN'S UNQUOTE.

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FUL DAYS, THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STALLED BY A BRITISH ATTEMPT TO  
REVIVE AT LEAST A VESTIGE OF CONTROL OVER THE ISLANDS BY RESTORING  
THE FALKLANDS' LOCAL COUNCIL ... THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD PROPOSED  
AND ARGENTINA HAD AGREED, THAT A NEUTRAL TEAM OF UN OFFICIALS  
ADMINISTER THE FALKLANDS. UNQUOTE NOSSITER ALSO SAYS THAT THE  
SECRETARY GENERAL BELIEVES THAT THE US ATTITUDE TO HIS EFFORTS  
HAS BEEN UNHELPFUL AND THAT HE WAS ANNOYED AT HAIG'S SUGGESTION  
THAT HE (HAIG) WAS SOMEHOW THE MOTIVE POWER BEHIND THE NEGOTIONS.

3. ALSO IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, APPLE WRITING FROM LONDON, CLAIMS  
THAT IT IS INCREASINGLY BELIEVED IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES THAT  
BRITAIN, RATHER THAN ARGENTINA IS NOW HOLDING UP AN AGREEMENT. SIR  
N HENDERSON'S RETURN TO LONDON IS LINKED TO BRITISH PRESS REPORTS  
THAT THE UNITED STATES IS INCREASING PRESSURE ON BRITAIN TO AGREE  
TO A SETTLEMENT.

4. JAMES RESTON WRITES IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN  
HAS BEEN SUGGESTING THAT WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW WORK TOGETHER TO  
AVOID MORE TROUBLE AROUND THE FALKLANDS AND TO PREVENT A REGIONAL  
CONTROVERSY INTERFERING WITH LARGER PROBLEMS. RESTON CONCLUDES  
THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES COULD DECIDE THE ISSUE IN THE CRITICAL  
DAYS THAT ARE LEFT BY MAKING CLEAR THAT IT WOULD GIVE THE BRITISH  
WHATEVER MILITARY SUPPORT THEY NEED TO DEFEND THE SECURITY OF  
THEIR ARMADA, IN PRACTICE NOTHING MUCH WILL BE DONE AND THE  
ADMINISTRATION WILL SIMPLY TRUST TO LUCK THAT THE ARGENTINE GENERALS  
WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES.

5. THE WASHINGTON POST, IN A REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES, SAYS THAT  
THE ABDUCTION OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HAS AGAIN CONFRONTED THE JUNTA  
WITH THE SPECTRE OF ITS OWN DARK PAST. FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN  
ARGENTINA THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE ABROAD IS LESS  
SERIOUS THAN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ONCE FEARED SECURITY APPARATUS  
HAS NOT BEEN DISMANTLED.

6. THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS THAT CONSERVATIVES IN CONGRESS AND  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO ARGUE THAT CONTAINING COMMUNIST EXPANT-  
IONISM IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PRESERVING BRITISH CONTROL OVER THE  
FALKLANDS, ARE ALARMED AT THE DAMAGE DONE TO AMERICAN POLICY IN  
CENTRAL AMERICA. NOT ONLY HAS AMERICA LOST HER PROXY IN CENTRAL  
AMERICAN (ARGENTINA) BUT ONE OF THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE  
REGION WILLING TO SUPPORT US POLICY ON EL SALVADOR (VENEZUELA)  
HAS ADOPTED A RADICAL PRO-ARGENTINA STANCE. A US OFFICIAL IS QUOTED  
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AS SAYING: QUOTE NICARAGUA HAS BEEN GIVEN A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. A  
FEW WEEKS AGO THE SANDINISTAS WERE ISOLATED. TODAY, WE ARE ALONE IN  
THE CONTINENT UNQUOTE

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