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AT HIS REQUEST, I HAVE JUST TALKED WITH GENERAL GALTIERI CONCERNING THE FALKLANDS ISLAND CRISIS. I WANTED TO RELAY TO YOU A SUMMARY OF THAT CONVERSATION. IN VIEW OF THE LATE HOUR IN LONDON, I HAVE SENT YOU THIS MESSAGE, BUT WE CAN TALK ON THE TELEPHONE TO MORROW MORNING IF YOU THINK IT NECESSARY.

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I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE SHOWN TO AL DURING HIS TWO VISITS. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE RECEPTIVITY YOU HAVE SHOWN TO OUR EFFORTS TO FIND A COMMON GROUND BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY, ONE OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES, AND ARGENTINA, WITH WHOM WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN ADVANCING SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

WARM REGARDS,

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