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Dear Foreign Secretary:

I have been asked to deliver the enclosed message to you from Secretary Haig which was received at the Embassy this morning.

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Sincerely,

Edward J. Streator Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

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The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,

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Dear Peter:

I know that the Falkland Islands was one of the first issues you raised with us as Foreign Secretary. The situation which has developed in the last few days on South Georgia Island is indeed serious, and I want you to know that we will do everything we can to assist in its resolution. I am instructing our Ambassador in Buenos Aires to convey my concern to the Argentine Foreign Minister and to urge that his Government take no steps which would aggravate the present crisis. Furthermore, I am urging the Argentine Government to abide by existing arrangements and understandings concerning regularizing the status of foreign residents on South Georgia Island.

We will, of course, have a greater chance of influencing Argentine behavior if we appear to them not to favor one side or the other. We will continue quietly to try and move the Argentines away from taking further steps which would make a peaceful resolution more difficult to achieve. I believe that you know Tom Hayward, our Chief of Naval Operations. He arrives in Buenos Aires on March 31 on a long-standing invitation, and will do what he can to be helpful.

Let me know, Peter, if you have any suggestions on how we might help defuse the immediate crisis through the use of our good offices.

I admire your patience in this situation.

Sincerely,

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