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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 4/7/2002 ENDERS, THOMAS O.)

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SUBJECT: FALKLANDS DISPUTE

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. COSTA MENDEZ PHONED THE SECRETARY LAST NIGHT APRIL 6 TO SAY ARGENTINA ACCEPTED THE U.S. OFFER OF ASSISTANCE (WE ARE NOT USING THE TERM "GOOD OFFICES") AND THAT HE WOULD BE WELCOME TO COME TO BUENOS AIRES. SECRETARY WILL FIRST VISIT LONDON.

3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO CALL GALTIERI AT THIS POINT. SAY SECRETARY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING TO BA. REITERATE WHAT SECRETARY TOLD COSTA MENDEZ--THAT HE WOULD NOT PUT HIMSELF AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE [REDACTED]

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PARTIES IF THE SINE QUA NON WERE INSTANT SOLUTION OF A 150 YEAR OLD CONFLICT, INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES, BUT THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO ARGENTINE CONCERNS TO ADVANCE AN ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN ON DEAD CENTER FOR SO LONG. AND HOPE WE CAN BE HELPFUL TO OUR TWO OLD FRIENDS IN THIS REGARD.

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4. LET US KNOW (REPORT TO LONDON) IF YOU PICK UP ANY SIGNALS DIFFERENT THAN THOSE COSTA MENDEZ IS GIVING OFF--THAT IS THAT A FORM OF WORD CAN BE FOUND ON SOVEREIGNTY, BUT THAT RETENTION OF AN ARGENTINE ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENCE ON THE ISLANDS IS IMPORTANT, AND, OF COURSE, AS MUCH A SENSE OF DIRECTION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS POSSIBLE. HAIG

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