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## HAIG/FALKLANDS

- 1. IN THE COURSE OF A TELEVISION INTERVIEW TODAY WHICH DWELT MOSTLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST (SEE MIFT), HAIG WAS ASKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE FALKLANDS.
- 2. HE SAID THAT THE U S POSITION REMAINED FIRMLY BASED ON UNSCR 502, INCLUDING ITS CALL FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT INDICATIONS THAT THE UK WAS CONSIDERING FORTIFYING THE ISLANDS AND CONFERRING SOME KIND OF INDEPENDENCE UPON THEM, HAIG SAID THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY HOW BRITISH POLICY WOULD DEVELOP. THERE WOULD BE QUOTE AN OPEN MENU UNQUOTE AFTER THE ARGENTINES HAD WITHDRAWN: HE NOTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER WITH THE RESTORATION OF THE LOCAL DEMOCRATIC STURCTURES: HE ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD ULTIMATELY HAVE TO BE SOLVED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN THE US, UK AND LATIN AMERICA AND IN A WAY WHICH ENSURED STABILITY AND JUSTICE.

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