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INFO IMMEDIATE TO UKMIS NEW YORK - PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR
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1. I KNOW THAT HAIG WILL LET YOU KNOW, AND THAT YOU WILL REPORT TO US IMMEDIATELY, WHEN THERE IS ANY CLEAR RESPONSE FROM GALTIERI AND THE JUNTA. SHOULD THEY ACCEPT THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS I DO NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE AND WE WILL NEED TIME FOR APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS. I HOPE HAIG WILL UNDERSTAND THIS AND WILL NOT (NOT) FORCE OUR HAND OR ADD TO OUR PROBLEMS BY PREMATURE PUBLICATION. THERE NEEDS TO BE THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION ON TIMING AND PRESENTATION.
2. THE PROBLEM WILL BE LESS CRITICAL IN THE EVENT OF ARGENTINIAN REJECTION OR QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE WITH DEMANDS FOR FURTHER MODIFICATION, BUT WE WILL REQUIRE ADVANCE WARNING OF HAIG'S INTENTIONS AS REGARDS PUBLICATION AND TIME TO REACT.
3. IN THE EVENT OF ARGENTINIAN ACCEPTANCE AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO GIVE A PRECISE SECURITY GUARANTEE OF THE ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SO THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF REOCCUPATION BY THE ARGENTINES OR AN ARGENTINIAN CHANGE OF MIND DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS SHOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, GALTIERI BE OUSTED. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT I RAISED THIS WITH HAIG DURING MY VISIT AND GOT ONLY A QUALIFIED ANSWER.
4. I LEAVE IT TO YOU TO JUDGE WHETHER YOU SHOULD PUT THESE POINTS TO HAIG NOW OR WHETHER YOU MAKE THEM WHEN YOU GET FIRM AND FINAL NEWS OF THE ARGENTINIAN REACTION.
5. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GREAT PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT. IT HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS AND HAS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY TO THE FAVOURABLE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC MOOD.

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