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TO FLASH BUENOS AIRES
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INFO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY, WASHINGTON

FALKLANDS

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS NOW SPOKEN DIRECT TO PRESIDENT GALTIERI TO URGE RESTRAINT AND TO OFFER TO SEND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH TO ARGENTINA.
2. GALTIERI REPLIED THAT HE APPRECIATED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S CONCERN BUT IF THE UK DID NOT AGREE TONIGHT TO RECOGNISE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WHOLE OF THE FALKLANDS, WITH PROVISION FOR TRANSFER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THEY WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION WAS NECESSARY. ARGENTINA CONSIDERED THAT IT HAD FULL FREEDOM TO USE FORCE, THE IDEA OF A MISSION BY BUSH WAS REJECTED.
3. IN RELAYING MESSAGE TO US AMERICANS HAVE ASKED IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER THEY CAN DO TO HELP. GIVEN THE STRENGTH OF DIPLOMATIC MUSCLE WHICH THE AMERICANS HAVE SO FAR SOUGHT TO EXERT WITHOUT SUCCESS IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT FURTHER STEPS THEY COULD TAKE TO DETER ARGENTINES. BUT GRATEFUL FOR ANY IMMEDIATE VIEWS YOU MAY HAVE ON POSSIBLE US ACTION IN ECONOMIC OR OTHER FIELDS WHICH MIGHT EXERT SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE.

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