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From Hugh Thomas.

PRIME MINISTER

I attach a note giving thoughts on the present situation in Argentina and Latin America; also some ideas for your interviews in New York; and some thoughts on "propaganda".

I talked to Dr. Kissinger over the weekend. He sent his congratulations and best wishes to you, very warmly, adding it would have been a disaster for the West if we had been unsuccessful.

His one substantive anxiety was that the US might try to make us the scapegoat for the failures which their policies in Latin America might appear to be having. He knew of the "jumbo loan" which the Argentines seem to have been offered. He hoped that "our people" and Washington would soon be meeting to discuss this and avoid a "US backlash". I said I was sure they would be.

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