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MY TELNO 1088: HAIG'S VIEWS ON THE FALKLANDS

1. MINISTERS HAVE NOW CONSIDERED HAIG'S SUGGESTIONS IN YOUR TELNO 1964. PLEASE SPEAK TO HIM ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.
2. AS HAIG KNOWS, THE PRESIDENT TELEPHONED THE PRIME MINISTER LAST NIGHT AND MRS THATCHER EXPLAINED OUR POSITION. WE WANT TO ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE AND A COMPLETE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND TO DO SO WITH THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. GIVEN THE MILITARY SITUATION, WE CONSIDER THAT A CEASEFIRE CAN BEST BE NEGOTIATED BY COMMANDERS ON THE SPOT. OUR POSITION ON THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN MY TELNO 1083. THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HAIG AT VERSAILLES, BUT WE WOULD ALSO BE VERY GLAD TO HAVE A TALK WITH HAIG BEFORE THEN IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED. COULD HE POSSIBLY LOOK IN HERE TOMORROW ON HIS WAY TO FRANCE? IF SO, WE WOULD WISH TO ANNOUNCE THIS AS A BRITISH INVITATION.
3. WE SHALL SEND A SEPARATE TELEGRAM ABOUT TIMINGS FOR THE BILATERAL MEETING AT VERSAILLES.

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