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FM WASHINGTON 022300Z MAY 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1562 OF 2 MAY

INFO FLASH UKMIS NEW YORK (PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
AND AMBASSADOR).

WASHINGTON TELEGRAM NO 1566: FALKLANDS, YOUR TALK WITH HAIG

1. AS YOU HAD TO CATCH THE PLANE TO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY AFTER
HAIG TELEPHONED YOU THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS
YOU ASKED ME TO RING HIM AND CLARIFY TWO POINTS.

2. THIS I HAVE DONE, EXPLAINING THAT THERE WERE A GREAT MANY POINTS
THAT NEEDED CLARIFYING IN THE PERUVIAN PROPOSALS AND THAT YOU
WOULD NOT WANT TO BE SUDDENLY FACED WITH A COMMUNICATION FROM HIM,
HAIG, SAYING THAT THE ARGENTINIANS HAD AGREED AND THAT IT WAS NOW
UP TO US TO SAY THAT WE DID LIKEWISE.

3. HAIG SAID THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS. HE WOULD AVOID
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4. I SAID THAT IT WAS TOO SUDDEN FOR US TO BE NEGOTIATING NEW PROPOSALS. YOU DID NOT WANT TO BE RUSHED. YOU HAD NOT CONSULTED LONDON ABOUT THEM. MOREOVER THERE WAS ANOTHER AREA OF DOUBT IN YOUR MIND. WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN PRACTICAL TERMS IF THE PARTIES AGREED? HOW COULD WE BE SURE THAT THE ARGENTINIANS WERE GOING TO STICK BY THE SCHEME. HAIG SAID THAT IF IT CAME TO THE POINT HE WOULD GIVE THE ARGENTINIANS A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, SAY 24 HOURS, IN WHICH TO SEND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER TO A GIVEN PLACE WITH FULL AUTHORITY FROM THE JUNTA TO SIGN UP. HAIG ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE ARGENTINIANS MIGHT SAY THAT THEY COULD ONLY COMPLY WITH THIS TIMETABLE IF THERE WAS NO FURTHER BRITISH MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE ISLANDS IN THE MEANTIME; AND THEY WOULD GIVE AN UNDERTAKING THAT THEY WOULD NOT ENTER THE TEZ. I SAID THAT WE COULD NOT DO ANYTHING THAT INHIBITED US FROM MAINTAINING THE MILITARY PRESSURE.

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