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TO FLASH WASHINGTON  
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YOUR TELNO 1971: FALKLANDS

1. WHEN YOU CALL ON PRESIDENT REAGAN, PLEASE SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE ASKED YOU TO TELL HIM ONCE AGAIN BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR EUROPE HOW VERY GREATLY WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED AND ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE FROM THE UNITED STATES THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS PERIOD. THE VERY CLOSE DIALOGUE WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN WITH HAIG, CLARK AND OTHERS HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. THE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE OPEN BRACKETS YOUR TELNO 1977 CLOSE BRACKETS WHICH THE AMERICANS HAVE MADE AVAILABLE HAS FACILITATED OUR OPERATIONS AS NOTHING ELSE COULD HAVE DONE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED TO THE UNITED STATES BY ARGENTINA'S ATTACK ON THE FALKLANDS OPEN BRACKETS YOUR TELNO 1978 CLOSE BRACKETS ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. THE POSITION OF PRINCIPLE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF, AND ESPECIALLY HIS PUBLIC INSISTENCE THAT AGGRESSION MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PAY HAS BEEN AND REMAINS AN IMMENSELY BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE.

2. YOU SHOULD GO ON TO SAY THAT WE LOOK FORWARD GREATLY TO OUR FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS IN VERSAILLES AND LONDON. WE HAD TO CONCLUDE IN RESPONSE TO HAIG'S MOST RECENT SUGGESTIONS THAT THESE COULD NOT BE PURSUED SO LONG AS ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO ATTACH CONDITIONS TO COMPLIANCE WITH UNSCR 502. IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ARGENTINE COMMANDER TO EFFECT AN HONOURABLE WITHDRAWAL, AND THUS PROBABLY TO SAVE MANY LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE NO SIGN THAT THE ARGENTINES ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS. WE CONSIDER THAT THE BEST HOPE LIES IN LEAVING THEM TO CONFRONT THE CHOICE THEMSELVES. WE HAD

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TO REFLECT THIS VIEW IN OUR RESPONSE TO HAIG, AS WE SHALL NOW HAVE TO ANALYSE IT IN OUR RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN.

1. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS AT VERSAILLES AND IN LONDON WE SHALL HAVE TO BECOME AWARE IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO TRY TO BRING DOWN VERY HOSTILITIES COME TO A COMPLETE END. WE MUST BE AWARE THAT THE NEXT PERIOD IS ONE OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, WITH THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND NOT ONE OF CONTINUING BITTERNESS AND HOSTILITY.

WE SHALL VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THAT PERIOD JUST AS WE HAVE VALUED AMERICAN SUPPORT AND THE SUSTAINED CONSULTATIONS FROM WHICH WE HAVE BENEFITED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS.

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Dear Andrew,

Falklands: Briefing for Versailles Summit

This letter is simply to confirm Robert Wade Gery's telephone conversation with you this morning.

Contrary to earlier indications No. 10 have today told us that they would like briefing provided for the Prime Minister's use at Versailles covering the attitude of each of our six Versailles partners to the Falklands crisis. This should be supported by relevant documents, eg the text of Security Council resolutions, Haig proposals, etc. There is no need to cast it in the normal form of a brief, and a Line to Take will not be necessary. To save time it should not be processed through our numbered briefing series here but might conveniently take the form of a private secretary letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's office to No. 10, with copies to the Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office.

Such a letter will of course need clearance in advance with the Ministry of Defence and should, for the Prime Minister's convenience, include material which is primarily on their side of the house, eg facts about United States military and logistic assistance and about French and other help with countering Argentine efforts on arms procurement.

Yours ever

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