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MY TELNO 1451: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. HAIG HAS TELEPHONED ME FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH AT THE OAS WHICH HE SAID WENT DOWN LIKE A LEAD BALLOON. NOBODY THERE WAS LIKELY AGAIN TO CALL HIM EVEN-HANDED.

2. HE HAD SPOKEN TO COSTA MENDEZ AND TOLD HIM THAT TIME HAD RUN OUT. THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID AN IMMEDIATE CONFLICT WOULD BE FOR HIM TO MEET WITHOUT DELAY WITH THE JUNTA. HE THEREFORE ASKED COSTA MENDEZ TO GET INTO TOUCH WITH BA AND LET HIM KNOW WITHIN AN HOUR WHETHER THE JUNTA COULD RECEIVE HIM. IF NOTHING CAME OF THAT HE WOULD GET PRESIDENT REAGAN TO RING GALTIERI. IT MIGHT BE THAT COSTA MENDEZ WOULD NEED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVENTION.

3. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PRESENTING HIS PROPOSALS TO THE

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COSTA MENDEZ WOULD NEED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVENTION.

3. HAIG SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PRESENTING HIS PROPOSALS TO THE ARGENTINIANS ON A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS. THEY WOULD HAVE 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO ANSWER YES OR NO. HE WOULD EMPHASISE THE QUOTE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES UNQUOTE THE ARGENTINIANS WOULD SUFFER IF THEY DID NOT RESPOND FAVOURABLY.

4. HAIG SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HOW THE JUNTA WOULD REACT. EMOTIONS WERE RUNNING VERY HIGH, WHIPPED UP BY THE OAS MEETING, BUT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE US TO MAKE ITS POSITION COMPLETELY CLEAR. IF A BREAK HAD TO COME IT MUST BE SHOWN BEYOND DOUBT THAT IT HAD BEEN CAUSED BY ARGENTINIAN IRRESPONSIBILITY.

5. HAIG ASKED ME WHAT I THOUGHT AND I SAID THAT IT SEEMED REASONABLE.

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