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HAIG NEGOTIATIONS

1. PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER TO HAIG.

TEXT BEGINS

'DEAR AL,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE GIVING YOUR COMMENTS ON YOUR
LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANCIS PYM. MY COLLEAGUES MOST
CLOSELY CONCERNED AND I HAVE NOW HAD A FULL REPORT FROM
HIM. WE REMAIN MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING
EFFORTS.

YOU ASKED ME TO SEND YOU A REACTION THIS EVENING.
THIS WHOLE BUSINESS STARTED WITH AN ARGENTINE AGGRESSION.
SINCE THEN OUR PURPOSE TOGETHER HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THE
EARLY WITHDRAWAL BY THE ARGENTINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. WE THINK THEREFORE THAT THE
NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR LATEST IDEAS TO
THEM. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEEK THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S
VIEW OF THEM TOMORROW AND ESTABLISH URGENTLY WHETHER THEY
CAN ACCEPT THEM. KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ATTITUDE WILL BE
IMPORTANT TO THE BRITISH CABINET'S CONSIDERATION OF YOUR
IDEAS.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOUR EVER

MARGARET THATCHER''

TEXT ENDS

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