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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1611 OF 5 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK AND LIMA (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

YOUR TELNO 917: FALKLANDS

1. I HAVE GIVEN HAIG YOUR MESSAGE. HE ACCEPTS ALL THREE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.
2. THE US GOVERNMENT WILL NOW TRANSMIT THE AMENDED TEXT TO THE PRESIDENT OF PERU AND ASK HIM TO GIVE HIS ACCEPTANCE BY NOON WASHINGTON TIME THURSDAY 6 MAY. THE AMERICANS ARE ASSUMING THAT IN THE INTERVAL BELAUNDE WILL CONSULT WITH THE ARGENTINIANS. PROVIDED THE PERUVIANS AGREE WITH THE TEXT THE US AND PERUVIAN GOVERNMENTS WILL THEN TRANSMIT IT TO THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENTS AT NOON ON THE 6 MAY.
3. WHAT HAIG HOPES IS THAT WHEN WE RECEIVE IT WE WILL IMMEDIATELY DECLARE OUR READINESS TO HAVE A CEASEFIRE MAKING CLEAR THAT THIS CAN ONLY COME INTO EFFECT IF THE ARGENTINIANS AGREE AND AGREE UPON A TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION. I TOLD HAIG THAT YOU COULD ACCEPT 24 HOURS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE.
4. HAIG QUITE ACCEPTS THAT THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT MUST EXPRESS THEIR AGREEMENT IN WRITING TO THE PROPOSALS BUT HE BELIEVES THAT IF HMG IS TO GAIN THE ADVANTAGE OF COMING OUT WITH THE IDEA OF A CEASEFIRE THEY SHOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY THEY GET THE PROPOSALS. THEY DO NOT SEE ANY DANGER IN THIS IF THE ACTUAL COMING INTO EFFECT OF THE CEASEFIRE HAS TO AWAIT ARGENTINIAN ACCEPTANCE.

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