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FALKLANDS: HAIG

1. SPEAKING TO A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE THIS MORNING, HAIG SAID THAT
 (A) QUOTE AS OF THIS MOMENT THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY HAS NOT DEVELOPED IN BUENOS AIRES UNQUOTE FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.
 (B) QUOTE ONE COULD READILY DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT THE RECENT TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR CRUISER HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR CONTINUING INTRANSIGENCE UNQUOTE.
 (C) THE CRISIS MUST ULTIMATELY BE RESOLVED THROUGH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE US WAS NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FORMAL SENSE OF THE WORD THOUGH HE HAD CONFERRED WITH PRESIDENT BELLAUNDI.
 (D) SINCE THE US GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF 30 APRIL, THE BRITISH HAD MADE NO REQUESTS FOR MILITARY AID. THE US HAD PLAYED NO PART IN

HAD MADE NO REQUESTS FOR MILITARY AID. THE US HAD PLAYED NO PART IN DIRECT MILITARY SUPPORT OPERATIONS OR IN MILITARY ACTIVITY AND DID NOT ANTICIPATE EXPANDING ITS ROLE IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD BRING THE US INTO MILITARY INVOLVEMENT:

(E) THERE WAS NO HARD EVIDENCE OF CUBAN OR SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA APART FROM THE VOCAL SUPPORT GIVEN SINCE THE START OF THE CRISIS. THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DENIED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED ANY INTELLIGENCE OR MATERIEL SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS ABOUT US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION HAD BEEN OUTRAGEOUSLY AND CHARACTERISTICALLY WRONG.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN THIS MORNING COMMENTED ON THE SINKING OF THE BELGRANO IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS: QUOTE WE REGRET THE LOSS OF LIFE. IT POINTS OUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THIS TRAGIC CONFLICT.... WE REMAIN AVAILABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FURTHER FIGHTING WILL BE AVOIDED UNQUOTE. SPEAKES DENIED ARGENTINIAN CLAIMS THAT THE US HAD TRACKED THE BELGRANO ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH TASK FORCE.

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