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TO FLASH UKREP BRUSSELS
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FOR BULLARD

MY TELNO 256 : SOUTH GEORGIA

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF FURTHER MESSAGE TO HAIG. BEGINS.
I APPRECIATE THAT YOU MAY NOT YET HAVE HAD TIME TO CONSIDER THE
MESSAGE FROM ME WHICH OUR AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE DELIVERED.
YOU SHOULD HOWEVER KNOW THAT I AM NOW SENDING A PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER MAKING A FURTHER
ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION. I AM ASKING OUR
AMBASSADOR TO SHOW THE TEXT TO YOU AND I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE
THAT IT OFFERS A REASONABLE COMPROMISE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE BOTH
THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS WITH A WAY OUT FROM THE
PRESENT IMPASSE. GIVEN THE CONTINUING ARGENTINE INFRINGEMENT OF
BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTH GEORGIA AND PUBLIC AND
PARLIAMENTARY FEELING IN THIS COUNTRY, I CANNOT SEE HOW I CAN GO
FURTHER: AND MY FEAR IS THAT, UNLESS THE ARGENTINES CAN NOW
DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY TOO ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE, WE SHALL
FACE A PROSPECT OF INCREASING AND DANGEROUS TENSION. AS I SAID
IN MY EARLIER MESSAGE, THIS IS IN NOBODY'S INTEREST. I HOPE
THEREFORE YOU WILL FEEL ABLE TO URGE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
TO ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL. ENDS.

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