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INFO FLASH BUENOS AIRES, PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR),
UKMIS NEW YORK.

MY TELNO 010150Z (NOT TO ALL) FALKLANDS CRISIS

1. THE US AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES SPOKE TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING. COSTA MENDEZ WAS NON-COMMITTAL. THE US AMBASSADOR WILL SEE THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT AT ABOUT 4 PM LOCAL TIME THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL DELIVER TO HIM A MESSAGE FROM HAIG, WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AUTHORITY. THE AMERICANS WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO US AND THROUGH THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING. IF IT IS NOT SATISFACTORY, THERE MAY BE A FURTHER DIRECT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE WHITE HOUSE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT WHATEVER ACTION IS NEEDED TO DISSUADE THE ARGENTINIANS MUST BE TAKEN TONIGHT. WE HAVE PASSED TO THEM THE TEXT OF YOUR MESSAGE TO COSTA MENDEZ, DELIVERED LAST NIGHT, AND HIS REPLY TO HM AMBASSADOR; AND THE WRITTEN MESSAGE HE HAS NOW SENT YOU (BUENOS AIRES TELEGRAM NO 137 TO YOU).

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