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*Approved by the Prime Minister - John Gorton Mar 15 1974. R.V. P.V.P.*

DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAIG

Dear Al,

Thank you for your message this morning about your talks in Argentina. I look forward to seeing you in London again tomorrow and shall be glad to hold further discussions.

I should certainly prefer to avoid military confrontation. But Argentina is the aggressor, and is still trying to build up the occupying force in the Falklands. The right way to prevent naval incidents is therefore for Argentina to remove all her naval vessels from the maritime exclusion zone. The Argentine Government has had plenty of warning. I am sure that you will have impressed this point upon the Argentine leaders. But if there is any doubt in your mind as to their intentions, you may wish to consider sending them a further immediate message.

Yours Margaret

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