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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

MIPT (NOT TO ALL): SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH MR HAIG:  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AFTER REFERRING TO THE LONG HISTORY OF ARGENTINE CLAIMS, EMPHASISED THAT HMG COULD NOT ACT WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE ISLANDERS. OUR AIM WAS TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE GOING AND AVOID A CRISIS. IDEAS SUCH AS CEDING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS TO ARGENTINA WHO WOULD THEN RETURN THEM ON LONG-TERM LEASE MIGHT EVENTUALLY PRODUCE A SETTLEMENT. BUT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT PRESENT TO THE ISLANDERS. HAIG TOOK NOTE.

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