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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT GALTIERI
1.   █████ - ENTIRE TEXT

2.   PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO
PRESIDENT GALTIERI AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN.

3.   BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PLEASE ACCEPT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AND MY DEEP PERSONAL
APPRECIATION FOR THE PATIENCE AND STATESMANSHIP WHICH YOU
HAVE SHOWN OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS IN THE FACE OF SOME
EXTREMELY UNHELPFUL PRESS AND PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT OUR
DISCUSSIONS. WE KNOW THESE PRESS STORIES HAVE BEEN A GREAT
BURDEN TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT.

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I WILL BE PROCEEDING TO BUENOS AIRES TOMORROW WITH SOME
NEW IDEAS WHICH I AM CONVINCED WE CAN USE TO BRIDGE THE
SIGNIFICANT GAP WHICH STILL EXISTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES,
PROVIDED BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHOW ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY AND
STATESMANSHIP. THESE THOUGHTS INVOLVE CREATING DE FACTO
CONDITIONS ON THE ISLANDS WHICH, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE

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OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WILL ENSURE THAT
ARGENTINA'S ESSENTIAL NEEDS ARE MET.

HOPEFULLY ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THIS DELICATE
SITUATION WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID FEEDING OR OVERREACTING
TO MISCHIEVOUS PRESS STORIES IN THE DAYS AHEAD. WE MUST
AT ALL COSTS NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MANY COMMON OBJECTIVES
WE HAVE AND THE COMMON DANGER WE FACE THAT THE SITUATION,
IF NOT HANDLED PROPERLY, COULD BE USED BY COMMON ENEMIES
TO STRIKE AT US BOTH. WE MUST NOT LET THE SITUATION BE
TURNED INTO A NORTH/SOUTH PROBLEM AT THE INSTIGATION OF
THE EAST.
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN FRIDAY MORNING.

SINCERELY, ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. END TEXT.
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