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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)
SUBJECT: LETTER TO COSTA MENDEZ

1. ██████████ ENTIRE MESSAGE
2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR NICANOR:
3. I HAVE HTHE FIRST BRITISH REACTION TO THE PAPER DEVELOPED IN BUENOS AIRES. IT IS ONE OF DISAPPOINTMENT. LONDON, OF COURSE, RESERVES PENDING CAREFUL STUDY, BUT IT FINDS THE BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL "VERY UNEQUAL," IT BELIEVES THAT THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE IS TILTED TOO MUCH, AND ABOVE ALL IT FINDS THAT THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS ARE NOT PROTECTED.
4. LONDON IS PUTTING OUT A RESTRAINED PRESS LINE PUTTING THE EMPHASIS ON FAILURE TO REGARD AS PARAMOUNT THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS, BUT NOT CLOSING THE DOOR.
5. I SHALL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE YOU TOMORROW ON SPECIFIC BRITISH PROBLEMS, BUT I WOULD URGE YOU ALREADY TO PASS THIS FIRST REACTION ON TO YOUR ██████████
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COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT SUBSTANTIALLY FURTHER MUTUAL ADJUSTMENT WILL BE NECESSARY IF WAR IS TO BE AVOIDED.

6. WHEN I HAVE SEEN THE BRITISH POSITION IN DETAIL I WILL BE IN TOUCH ON POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS.

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7. WARM REGARDS. AL HAIG. END QUOTE

8. ACTION REQUESTED: LONDON COMPLAINS THAT
BUENOS AIRES IS PUTTING OUT LINE THAT US AND ARGENTINA
HAVE AN AGREEMENT. PLEASE REPORT TONIGHT ON THAT.
PLEASE INFORM COSTA MENDEZ THAT WE WILL CORRECT IF THAT
IMPRESSION IS LEFT.

9. RE YOUR BA 2343, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT TO DECLINE TO GO OVER THE TEXT. OUT LETTER IS
CLEAR.

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