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FALKLAND ISLANDS: COMMUNITY BRIEFING

AMBASSADORS OF THE TEN CALLED ON ME AT MY REQUEST THIS AFTERNOON. I THANKED THEM FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS' QUICK AND IMPRESSIVE RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS. HAIG HAD TOLD US THAT THIS HAD HAD A GREAT EFFECT ON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. THEY HAD MISJUDGED THE REACTION AT THE UN, IN THE UK AND ALSO IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

2. I HOPED THAT COREPER WOULD FINISH ITS BUSINESS QUICKLY ON THIS POINT. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPOSED FOR AT LEAST A MONTH INITIALLY. A BAN ON IMPORTS FOR 15 DAYS ONLY WOULD SEEM A VERY WEAK SIGNAL TO ARGENTINA. PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAD MADE A BIG CONTRIBUTION, WAS THE KEY TO A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION, AND IT WAS OUR STRONGEST DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THIS. I NOTED THAT THE COMMUNITY'S ACTION HAD BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO PERCEPTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE UK.

3. I THEN GAVE A LIMITED ACCOUNT OF OUR TALKS WITH HAIG YESTERDAY. THE TALKS HAD GONE ON FOR ELEVEN HOURS AND WE HAD EXPLORED A NUMBER OF IDEAS, BUT ALWAYS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE UK'S OBJECTIVES OF ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL, RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF UK ADMINISTRATION, AND A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS THEMSELVES. WE HAD MADE PROGRESS, BUT OVERNIGHT PROB-

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LEMS HAD ARISEN AT THE ARGENTINE END, AND FOLLOWING FURTHER TALKS IN LONDON, HAIG WAS THEREFORE GOING TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON HIS WAY TO BUENOS AIRES.

4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, I AGREED THAT SOME OF THE SIGNALS WERE NOT HELPFUL. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE WERE SOME NEW IDEAS ABOUT WHICH COULD BE USEFUL. IT COULD BE A POSITIVE SIGN THAT NEW IDEAS WERE BEING PRODUCED AND DISCUSSED AND I EXPECTED THE PATTERN OF THE LAST TWO DAYS MIGHT BE REPEATED MORE THAN ONCE BEFORE THE END OF THE CRISIS. THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAS ONE IDEA WHICH HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN THE PRESS. IT WAS TRUE THAT THIS WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH HAD BEEN KICKED ABOUT. BUT IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL NEGOTIATION. EVEN IN PARLIAMENT, IT WAS TOO EARLY TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT CONTINUING PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. THERE WERE VERY MANY OTHER IDEAS UNDER DISCUSSION. WE THOUGHT THAT HAIG WAS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES AS A NEGOTIATOR. HE WAS A TOUGH MAN TO DEAL WITH, BUT WE HAD REACHED A GOOD UNDERSTANDING.

5. I SPOKE SIMILARLY TO THE CANADIAN MINISTER AND THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONERS.

6. PLEASE BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO BE DRAWN INTO SPECULATION ABOUT OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HAIG. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING THE TEXTS OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT ON 14 APRIL, AS SOON AS WE CAN GET THEM TO YOU.

7. (FOR BERNE) PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION, BUENOS AIRES.

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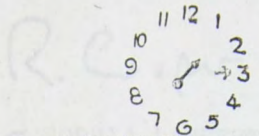
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
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1. As requested I submit speaking notes for the Secretary of State to use in talking to the Ambassadors of the Ten in London and/or to Foreign Ministers of selected members of the Ten, with the aim of encouraging our partners to keep up the pressure on Argentina.

2. I recommend that the Secretary of State should call in the Ambassadors of the Ten as a group. The Secretary of State and the Prime Minister have already sent messages to their Community counterparts thanking them for the rapid agreement on sanctions against Argentina. But it would be helpful in maintaining EC involvement if this could be endorsed by the Secretary of State with the Ambassadors, and if they could also be given an updated briefing.

3. Alternatively or in addition the Secretary of State could telephone some of his colleagues (eg Genscher, Cheysson, Tindemans, Colombo). But it might be better if we keep this in reserve. For the time being, when we have comparatively little to say, calling in the Ambassadors is better theatre.

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4. The Emergency Unit and Planning Staff agree.

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SPEAKING NOTE FOR USE WITH EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Deeply impressed by solidarity from European partners and by speedy reaction. Aware that for some partners this was a particularly serious and difficult decision. Particular thanks to Presidency.

Europe's action creates an important pressure on Argentina for a peaceful solution in accordance with the Security Council resolution. Impact in Argentina is considerable. Growing sense, at governmental level, that they have miscalculated.

Solution drawing closer still some way away. Need to keep up the pressure. Attach particular importance to Europe speaking with one voice on this. Grateful if all could follow the lines of the statements by the Ten, basing themselves on the need for implementation of the Security Council resolution. Where possible, could partners (as suggested in Ten's statement of 10 April) encourage other friendly countries to take similar action. Canada and New Zealand have already followed lead given by the Ten.

Believe that Europe's prompt and dramatic action will have an important long term impact on public opinion in the UK. Intend to emphasise value of European solidarity in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Look forward to seeing Ambassadors again in more settled circumstances for a general discussion of European and International questions.

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Please circ to  
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Dear David,

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: EUROPEAN ATTITUDES

1. I think it may be just worth recording, as evidence of European attitudes expressed, not to us, but to a third party, that George Vest, the US Ambassador to the European Community, told me on Sunday that he had been very struck by the complete solidarity of our European partners in the Ten. Without exception they had told him that there could be no question but that they would support Britain in its quarrel with Argentina: in the case of a direct attack on a member of the Ten, there was no room for a calculation of narrow interests. Certainly this has been the official attitude in the Council of all the Europeans, including notably the Norwegian; and Luns himself has taken a very strong line in our support.

2. If, however, I may be permitted a comment which strays outside my own particular field, it seems to me that this attitude on the part of European governments, who, no doubt, have in mind the precedent that a successful rape of the Falkland Islands could create for their similar problems (the Greek Islands in the Aegean, Réunion, Spitzbergen, Berlin, etc) does not necessarily reflect popular feeling in Europe which is likely to be much less engaged on our behalf. My Luxembourg colleague, for example, in his personal capacity, remarked to me the other day that the issue was of course "absurd"; and I enclose a copy of a piece which appeared in the Belgian daily "Le Soir" which, together with the paper's somewhat belittling cartoons, seems to me probably to reflect fairly accurately popular feeling, - pace Brussels saving telegram to the FCO No 2 of 8 April. Thus, the position appears to be almost the exact opposite of what I understand from Washington's reporting and from the press to be the position in the United States, where it seems popular feeling is much more wholeheartedly on our side than the Administration.

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Yours ever  
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