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MY TELNO 1123 (NOT TO ALL) : FALKLANDS

1. CONGRESS HAS NOW GONE INTO RECESS BUT I WAS TODAY ABLE TO SEE
SPEAKER O'NEILL, JIM WRIGHT (HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER) AND
CONGRESSMAN BARNES (CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTER-
AMERICAN AFFAIRS). A MEMBER OF MY STAFF HAS TALKED TO SENATOR
HELMS' FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER (CARBAUGH).

2. BOTH O'NEILL AND WRIGHT WERE ROBUSTLY ON OUR SIDE, O'NEILL
SAYING THAT, DESPITE HIS IRISH ROOTS, HE WAS 100% WITH
MRS THATCHER. WRIGHT USED SOME VERY TEXAN LANGUAGE TO DISMISS
ARGENTINA'S CLAIMS. HE WILL BE VISITING COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA,
EL SALVADOR AND JAMAICA DURING THE RECESS AND PROMISED TO PUT
ACROSS OUR VIEW THAT THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY AGGRESSION
WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. BARNES, WHO IS A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND CARRIES SOME INFLUENCE
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR LATIN
AMERICAN ISSUES, AGREED WITH ME THAT THE ARGENTINIAN INVASION
OF THE FALKLANDS WAS UNACCEPTABLE BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE
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HAD ALREADY SUGGESTED TO HAIG THAT ONE WAY OF AVOIDING ARMED CONFLICT MIGHT BE FOR ARGENTINE FORCES TO WITHDRAW AND FOR THE OAS OR THE UN TO PUT IN A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE PENDING NEGOTIATION I SAID THAT WE WERE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT HE SHOULD BE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR DETERMINATION TO RESTORE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION TO THE FALKLANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE. IF CUBAN FORCES TOOK OVER PUERTO RICO WOULD THE UNITED STATES ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN FULL RESTORATION? BARNES REPLIED THAT WHAT HE WAS PROPOSING WAS NOT IDEAL BUT HE BELIEVED IT TO BE PREFERABLE TO ARMED CONFLICT.

4. THE DISCUSSION WITH CARBAUGH WAS A GREAT DEAL LESS SATISFACTORY. CARBAUGH, SAID THAT HELMS' VIEW WAS THAT, DEPLORABLE AS THE INVASION OF THE FALKLANDS WAS, IT COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH US INTERESTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THE ARGENTINIANS WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE ARMED FORCES TO HELP IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HELMS WAS PLANNING TO MAKE A STATEMENT INVOKING THE MUNROE DOCTRINE AGAINST BRITISH INTERVENTION. CARBAUGH CLAIMED TO HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES THAT, IN RETURN FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINIAN FORCES FROM THE FALKLANDS, SOME KIND OF OAS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE SHOULD GO IN WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS CONTINUED. WE MADE VERY CLEAR TO CARBAUGH OUR POSITION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINIAN FORCES AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

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