

NOTE FOR PRESS OFFICERS

GUIDANCE AFTER PM/HAIG DINNER, April 8, 1982

The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Foreign Secy, first had a meeting with Secretary Haig and Edward Streater, senior US diplomat in London, for 1 hour 20 minutes.

They then went in to dinner where they were joined by 10 other participants - see list.

The dinner lasted for an hour and was followed by a further 2½ hours of discussion.

This meeting ended with full agreement that the UN resolution must be carried out. That is the position common to both sides.

We discussed how the United States might be helpful in securing implementation of the UN resolution.

The US side heard the British view on the situation and now know how strongly the British feel about the Falkland Islands and their invasion.

Mr Haig now flies off to Buenos Aires after an overnight stop in London. It is far too early to say whether he will return to London.

Background

Mr Haig will not convey any impression that he has made progress in London in the sense of our moving away from our strongly held position that the UN resolution requiring immediate Argentinian withdrawal from the Falklands. No progress was in fact made and he did indocate to the press after leaving No 10 how impressed he was with the strength of British feeling

Mr Haig is anxious not to convey any impression that he is engaged upon shuttle diplomacy.

Additional information

The Argentinian Government has withdrawn from a reciprocal visa waiver agreement. As a result we, the UK, have decided to follow suit. This means that visas will now be required for travel between the UK and Argentina.

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