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Seen by the
P.M.

Prime Minister

✓ This arrived this morning

Duty Clerk

12/4/82

Mr Giffard

MR HAIG'S VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES

1. Mr Harrison of the US Embassy came round in the small hours with the attached paragraph from a telegram received by the Embassy, in response to our request for a read out on Secretary of State Haig's visit to Buenos Aires before his arrival later this morning.

H J S Pearce

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Emergency Unit

12 April 1982

cc: Private Secretary
PS/Mr Onslow
PUS/Mr Wright
Mr Gillmore
Mr Ure
Mr Weston
Mr Hulse
Duty Clerk, No. 10 Downing Street ✓

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3. YOU MAY SAY IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT OUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE REVEALED TENTATIVE CRACKS IN THE ARGENTINE STONE WALL ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY FORCES AND THE RESTORATION OF BRITISH ADMINISTRATION. BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN VERY LITTLE TIME, AND WILL NEED THE HIGHEST STATESMANSHIP OF BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED THAT AN ANGLO-ARGENTINE WAR WOULD SEVERELY DAMAGE WESTERN INTERESTS IN CONTAINING SOVIET EXPANSTIONISM.