Prime Minister

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES (LONDON

April 15,

Dear Foreign Secretary:

I have been asked to deliver the attached message to you from Secretary Haig, which was received at the Embassy this morning.

Sincerely,

John J. Louis, Jr.

Ambassador

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The Rt. Hon. Francis Pym, MC, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, SW1.

Dear Francis: On behalf of the President and my colleagues, I want to thank you and the Prime Minister for the extraordinary patience and statesmanship you have displayed over the past twenty-four hours. The extremely unhelpful press stories and public speculation about the talks have been a burden to all of us, but especially to your Government. Hopefully all parties involved in this delicate and dangerous situation will be able to avoid feeding or overreacting to mischievous press stories in the coming days. I am convinced that some of these are encouraged, if not planted, by the Soviets in the hopes of derailing

our efforts at a peaceful solution.

I will proceed to Buenos Aires tomorrow with some ideas which I hope can begin to bridge the gaps remaining. I look forward to being in touch with you and the Prime Minister again soon. Please give her my best regards.

Sincerely,

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