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FALKLANDS

1. IN DISCUSSION TODAY EAGLEBURGER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HOW THE HAIG STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN IN THE UK. THIS LEAD ON TO A DISCUSSION ABOUT REACTIONS IN BRITAIN TO AMERICA'S STANCE ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE.
2. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT HAIG AND HE WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS, TO PUT IT MILDLY, THAT WERE BEING EXPRESSED IN THE UK ABOUT AMERICA AS AN ALLY AT THIS JUNCTURE. THE TRUTH WAS THAT AMERICA WAS HELPING US A GREAT DEAL, AS WE KNEW, BUT THEY COULD NOT GO FURTHER PUBLICLY IF HAIG WAS GOING TO RETAIN ANY CREDIBILITY AT ALL AS A GO-BETWEEN.
3. I SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT CONCERN IN THE UK AT THE US GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC ATTITUDE, WHICH INCIDENTALLY WAS WELL BEHIND THAT OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION, SO FAR AS I COULD JUDGE IT. BUT EVERYTHING WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME.

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