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FALKLANDS

1. KISSINGER HAS PHONED REFERRING TO BRITISH OPINION ABOUT THE U S A ON THIS ISSUE. HE DOES NOT THINK ANYONE IN LONDON IS WAITING WITH BAITED BREATH TO KNOW HIS VIEW BUT IT IS AS FOLLOWS IN CASE THERE SHOULD BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

1) THE U S A SHOULD PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO HMG. FROM WHAT HE HAS HEARD HE DOES NOT THINK HMG SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO GO ANY FURTHER.

2) IF THERE IS A SHOW-DOWN THE U S A SHOULD GO FOR BROKE ON THE BRITISH SIDE.

3) IN THE MEANTIME HE RECOGNIZES THAT SOME DELICACY IS NEEDED IN EXPRESSING U S A VIEWS IF A SETTLEMENT WITH ARGENTINA IS TO BE REACHED.

1 SAID THAT UNTIL THE U S GOVERNMENT REVEALS 2 TO THE ARGENTINI-
ANS THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET 1. KISSINGER SAID THAT FROM HIS
CONTACTS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE HE BELIEVED THAT THAT WAS WHAT HAIG
WAS NOW DOING. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE U S ADMINISTRATION
WOULD BE FOUR-SQUARE BEHIND US AND WOULD NOT TRY TO PUSH US FURTHER.
IF HE HAD BEEN DOING THE SHUTTLE HE WOULD HAVE LET THE ARGENTINIANS
STEW A BIT LONGER WHILE THE BRITISH FLEET GOT NEARER.

3. KISSINGER THOUGHT THAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE GOOD FOR BRITAIN. AS
REGARDS THE ARGENTINIANS, HE WAS NOT SURE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO
EXECUTE ANY SETTLEMENT. HE THOUGHT THAT A COMBINATION OF NAVAL
OFFICERS AND PERONISTAS WOULD TAKE OVER THERE.

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