

FALKLAND ISLANDS: SITREP BY FCO 0730 19 APRIL

AO 174
h-a.

Haig Initiative

1. No further reports were received from Mr Haig since the second of his two messages was received at 1625 GMT. In that message, he had hoped to have had a workable draft by the end of the day ie 4.00 am our time.

UN

2. UKMis New York telno 493 contains Sir A Parsons' latest views on the action we should take in the UN in the event of the failure of the Haig mission.

US

3. Mr Thomas, Washington, reported by telephone that the US press had evinced interest in reports of modifications being made to our Vulcan bombers and asked for a brief.

Argentina: Action

4. Two UK amateur radio enthusiasts reported that a Falkland Islands 'ham' had sent a message via Israel and Norway to say that the Argentines were mining Stanley Harbour.

Tailpiece

5. The 6.00 BBC radio news reflected the night's inactivity by demoting the Falkland Islands to their third item.

M. W. Growcott.

19 April 1982

M W Growcott
Emergency Unit

CONFIDENTIAL