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FALKLAND ISLANDS: VISIT OF RT HON DENIS HEALEY, MP

MR HEALEY SPENT OVER AN HOUR WITH EAGLEBURGER THIS MORNING AND SUBSEQUENTLY SAW HAIG FOR 15 MINUTES.

2. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AS HE LEFT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MR HEALEY SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE VERY DELICATELY POISED WITH POSITIONS STILL VERY FAR APART. THE ROLE OF THE US WAS ESSENTIAL AND OFFERED THE FIRST AND BEST HOPE OF A SETTLEMENT. WE WERE APPROACHING THE MOMENT WHEN A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE HAIG MISSION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. IF THE MOMENT CAME WHEN THERE WAS NO LONGER A ROLE FOR AN HONEST BROKER, THE UN WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT IN. AT THAT POINT THE US WOULD BE ABLE TO ALIGN ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH BRITAIN. AS HE DID IN NEW YORK (PARA 2E OF UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO.543), MR HEALEY ADVISED THE US TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR NOW ON ARGENTINA RATHER THAN TO WAIT UNTIL THE SITUATION HAD DETERIORATED, WHEN ECONOMIC AND OTHER PRESSURES WOULD BE MORE COSTLY AND LESS EFFECTIVE.

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3. MR HEALEY HAS TOLD US HE WAS IMPRESSED BY HAIG AND WAS CLEARLY REASSURED ABOUT US INTENTIONS. HE SAID THAT EAGLEBURGER HAD TOLD HIM THAT IT HAD BEEN HIS CONCERN THROUGHOUT TO ENSURE THAT BRITISH INTERESTS WERE SAFEGUARDED. MR HEALEY THOUGHT THAT HAIG ALSO TOOK THIS VIEW.

4. MR HEALEY DID NOT DISCUSS HIS IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE UN INVOLVEMENT WITH HAIG BUT DID DO SO WITH EAGLEBURGER AND THOUGHT THAT THE US HAD GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION ALREADY TO A POTENTIAL UN ROLE. MR HEALEY NOTED THAT THE US HAD THROUGHOUT SPOKEN OF THE RIGHTS (RATHER THAN THE WISHES) OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS AND WONDERED WHETHER THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 73 OF THE CHARTER (THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT) COULD BE USEFULLY ADOPTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MR HEALEY RAISED WITH EAGLEBURGER THE QUESTION OF US CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY AND SAID THAT, WHILE THE EUROPEAN LEFTS LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE SANDINISTAS WAS OVER, THE PRESENT NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WAS AT LEAST PREFERABLE TO THE SOMOZA GOVERNMENT AND THE US SHOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH IT. EAGLEBURGER CONFIRMED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE NOW TRYING TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT AND DID NOT BELIEVE THE MEXICANS COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE AS INTERMEDIARIES.

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