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YOUR TELNO 803: FALKLAND ISLANDS: US SECURITY ASSURANCES.

AT HIS FINAL MEETING WITH HAIG, JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HANDED OVER THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN A LETTER WHICH PRESIDENT REAGAN COULD SEND TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE CONTEXT OF AN AGREEMENT.

2. HAIG SAID THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, WHAT WE WERE PROPOSING WAS SOMETHING THAT "GOES WITH THE GAME". HE WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE RESPONDING AND HAVE IT STUDIED BY THE LAWYERS, NOT LEAST TO ENSURE THAT LANGUAGE OF THIS KIND DID NOT EXCEED THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT:

POINTS FOR INCLUSION IN A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE
PRIME MINISTER

- I. GLAD THAT IT LOOKS AS IF WE SHALL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT.
- II. UNDERSTAND IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD REQUIRE SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPECT ITS OBLIGATIONS IN GOOD FAITH AND, IN PARTICULAR, REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE ISLANDS.
- III. HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE US PRESENCE ON THE ISLANDS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD WILL SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND AGAINST ANY USE OF FORCE TO FRUSTRATE IT. WE SHALL LEAVE THE ARGENTINIANS IN NO DOUBT THAT ANY CHALLENGE BY THEM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AND THEIR NON-REINTRODUCTION, WILL BE SEEN AS A CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESPONDED TO ACCORDINGLY.
- IV. ONCE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND THE DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE ONLY SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT AS IT SHALL HAVE SPECIFICALLY ACCEPTED IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS OF THE TWO SIGNATORIES. IT WILL, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY SUCH REQUESTS SEMICOLON AND, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO REGARD ANY USE OF FORCE TO FRUSTRATE OR OVERTURN THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT AS A CHALLENGE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONDED TO ACCORDINGLY.

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