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TELEGRAM NO 1630 OF 6 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK, LIMA (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADORS)

OUR TEL NO 1629: FALKLANDS

1. HAIG HAS TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT THE PERUVIANS HAVE DEFINITELY TURNED DOWN THE PROPOSED US/PERUVIAN PLAN. THEY HAVE GIVEN AS THEIR REASON THE FACT THAT THE ARGENTINIANS ARE NOW GOING TO THE UN. HAIG TOLD ME THAT BELAUNDE HAD SPOKEN OF THE ARROGANCE OF THE MILITARY LEADERS IN BA WHOSE MILITARY CONFIDENCE WAS NOW SOARING AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK ON THE SHEFFIELD. THEIR AIM WOULD NOW BE TO ISOLATE THE UK AND GET A CEASEFIRE AT THE UN WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT ON WITHDRAWAL. HAIG SAID THAT THEY WERE A GANG OF BANDITS DOWN THERE AND HE HOPED THAT WHATEVER PRESS TALK THERE MIGHT BE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT IN LONDON THAT THE USA WERE FOUR-SQUARE BEHIND US. BUT IT WAS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT TIME, PARTICULARLY THE HANDLING OF THE UN OPERATION.

2. HE WAS INTENDING TO PLAY IT COOL IN WASHINGTON AND AVOID MUCH SIGN OF ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

3. HE THOUGHT THAT OUR BEST TACTICS NOW WERE TO TRY TO SEAL OFF THE ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION THEY HAD EIGHT DAYS OF RATIONS BUT HE HAD EVIDENCE THAT SUPPLIES OF FOOD WERE GETTING THROUGH IN FREIGHTERS. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS SHOULD BE STOPPED.

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