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FALKLAND ISLANDS: FCO SITREP: 0730 HOURS, 7 MAY

SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS

1. Sir A Parsons yesterday delivered the Secretary of State's reply to the Secretary General, who was clearly pleased by it. He readily acknowledged that this was more substantive than the response he had received from Argentina; and that while the ideas contained therein might not be acceptable initially either to him or to the Argentines, they gave him a real chance of beginning a genuine negotiation.
2. The Secretary General agreed that in the light of this reply it was essential that there should be no formal meeting of the Council.

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3. The Secretary General opened yesterday's informal consultations with a brief report to the effect that Sir A Parsons had given him a positive reaction and comments on his ideas. He had informed the Argentine Permanent Representative and had asked him for his Government's comments as soon as possible.

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(a) Meeting with Mr Haig

4. Sir N Henderson yesterday pointed out to Mr Haig that it would be unreasonable from London's point of view if the US Government made no mention of the US/Peruvian proposals or of the outcome of the exchanges concerning them. If the Secretary of State makes a statement on the proposals, Mr Haig said he would then confirm that the Argentines had slammed the door on progress.
5. Mr Haig's view is that the Argentines have not been and are still not seriously interested in negotiation. He also suspects that they may be behind moves apparently aimed at ensuring the US is excluded from involvement in a peace plan.

(b) Message to NATO Foreign Minister

6. Mr Haig has sent a message to all NATO Foreign Ministers (copy attached). It sets out the background on the US/Peruvian proposal and emphasises the need to uphold the principle that force must not be used to settle territorial disputes.

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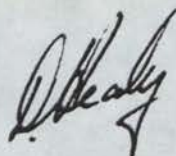
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7. The five Nordic countries have produced a statement (copy attached) which expresses full support for SCR 502.

8. The Latin American group has also produced a statement (copy attached). Through the efforts of the Caribbeans, the text is innocuous and makes no mention of sovereignty. It mentions SCR 502. However, it also makes an urgent call for the cessation of all hostile acts in the region of the Malvinas Islands.



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