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WASHINGTON TELNO 1734: FALKLANDS: EC IMPORT EMBARGO

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH HAIG HAS SENT TO  
COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS:

'AS YOU APPROACH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO RENEW THE IMPORT  
EMBARGO ON ARGENTINA, I WANT TO BE SURE YOU HAVE THE AMERICAN  
VIEW.

THE ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLANDS HAS CONFRONTED US WITH AN  
UNAMBIGUOUS CHALLENGE TO THE RULE OF LAW. THE UNITED KINGDOM'S  
EUROPEAN PARTNERS ACTED DECISIVELY IN DEFENSE OF A PRINCIPLE THE  
EROSION OF WHICH CAN ONLY FOSTER DISORDER IN AN ALREADY DANGEROUS  
DECADE. THIS WAS AND IS A CORRECT STAND. FOR OUR PART, ONCE  
THE FUTILITY OF OUR DIRECT ROLE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES BECAME  
CLEAR, WE MADE KNOWN IN CERTAIN TERMS THAT WE, TOO, STOOD ON THE  
SIDE OF RIGHT AND WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO BRITISH  
FORCES, IN ADDITION TO ADOPTING CERTAIN MEASURES OF OUR OWN  
AGAINST ARGENTINA.

THE SITUATION TODAY IS FUNDAMENTALLY UNCHANGED. UN SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. ARGENTINA CON-  
TINUES TO DEMAND A HIGH PRICE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ITS INVASION  
FORCE FROM THE DISPUTED TERRITORY. THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS NEGOTI-  
TIATED IN THE BEST OF FAITH: BRITISH FORCES HAVE BEEN USED ONLY  
BECAUSE ARGENTINA HAS YET TO OPEN UP A PATH TO A FAIR SETTLEMENT.  
ANY WEAKENING OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THIS JUNCTURE  
COULD WELL BRING PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A HALT AND THUS  
PROLONG THE CONFLICT. I KNOW FROM MY OWN DISCUSSIONS IN BUENOS  
AIRES THAT LIFTING OF THIRD COUNTRY SANCTIONS IS AN IMPORTANT  
NEGOTIATING POINT FOR THE ARGENTINES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS

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INCENTIVE BE PRESERVED. RENEWAL OF THE IMPORT EMBARGO WOULD HELP CONVINCING THE ARGENTINES THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THEIR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORDER UNTIL A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED.

NO LESS IMPORTANT IS HOW WE ARE BEHELD BY THE REST OF THE WORLD -- FRIEND AND ADVERSARY ALIKE. TO LOSE OUR RESOLVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE IS SURE TO DAMAGE OUR INTERESTS AND OUR STANDING. TO LOSE OUR RESOLVE ON A MATTER OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE IS TO INVITE AN ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS LOSS OF RESPECT.

THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IS TRAGIC FOR ALL OF US -- MOST OF ALL FOR OUR BRITISH PARTNERS. OUR CONTINUED COHESION IS ESSENTIAL IF WE WANT TO SEE THIS TRAGEDY END BEFORE IT WORSENS. I AM WELL AWARE THAT THIS IS A DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR YOU. WHILE EACH COUNTRY MUST OF COURSE DECIDE FOR ITSELF, I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOU OUR VIEW IN THE SPIRIT OF CANDOR WHICH OUR FRIENDSHIP MAKES POSSIBLE.'

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