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IMMEDIATE

PS  
 PS/MR HURD  
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 MR BULLARD  
 SIR I SINCLAIR  
 MR GIFFARD  
 MR WRIGHT  
 MR ADAMS  
 LORD N G LENNOX  
 LORD BRIDGES  
 MR URE  
 MR GILLMORE  
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 HD/PLANNING STAFF  
 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60  
~~EMERGENCY ROOM~~  
 RESIDENT CLERK

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 MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD  
 PS/CHANCELLOR )  
 MR ILETT ) TREASURY  
 MR LITTLER )  
 SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
 SIR M PALLISER ) CABINET  
 MR WADE-GERY ) OFFICE  
 MR FULLER SAPU/DIO )  
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 TELEGRAM NUMBER 1761 OF 14 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK (DS 11, DS 20):  
 PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR TELNO 982: FALKLANDS : US ASSISTANCE

1. BY AGREEMENT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, WE AND THEY HAVE ANSWERED MANY ENQUIRIES ON THIS BY SIMPLY REFERRING TO MR. HAIG'S STATEMENT THAT THE US WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO REQUESTS FOR MATERIEL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES
2. THE FORMULA IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE MAKES THE POINT THAT SOME US ASSISTANCE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN GIVEN. AGAINST THAT, THE DETAILS OFFERED SEEM LIKELY TO WHET THE MEDIA'S APPETITE: AND MAY NEED TO BE UPDATED TO REMAIN ACCURATE.
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4. AS SEEN FROM HERE, I DOUBT THE WISDOM OF PRESSING THE AMERICANS TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, WHEN THE TERMS OF HAIG'S STATEMENT COVER OUR NEEDS FULLY. WE CAN SURELY INDICATE IN GENERAL TERMS THAT THE US IS STANDING BY ITS COMMITMENT, WITHOUT OPENING PANDORA'S BOX ON DETAILS.

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