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TELEGRAM NUMBER 126 OF 17 MAY

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR/
MINISTER).

PERSONAL FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR PUS AND PRIVATE SECRETARY.
FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH HAIG.
MIPT: MILITARY MATTERS.

1. HAIG SEEMED MORE CONFIDENT THAN IN EARLIER MEETINGS OF OUR ABILITY TO DO THE JOB MILITARILY, AND ASSUMED THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WAIT MUCH LONGER. HE ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST ACTION AGAINST THE MAINLAND, BUT SEEMED OTHERWISE UNDISTURBED ABOUT THE MILITARY PROSPECTS (DESPITE HIS APPARENT WISH TO SEE GALTIERI FALL AFTER A SETTLEMENT RATHER THAN A MILITARY HUMILIATION: SEE MIPT PARA 6).
2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WARNED HAIG OF THE POSSIBLE NEED TO SHOOT DOWN AN ARGENTINE 707 WHICH WAS BEING USED FOR SURVEILLANCE. HAIG SEEMED RELAXED, AND WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER WE HAD THE RIGHT KIND OF LONG RANGE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES.
3. HAIG SAID THE AMERICANS HAD FOUND THE OTHER US-BUILT ARGENTINE SUBMARINE. IT WAS IN TROUBLE AND UNABLE TO SUBMERGE.

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