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 MR BULLARD  
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 MR WRIGHT  
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 MR GILLMORE  
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 MR ANTHONY WILLIAMS W60  
 EMERGENCY ROOM  
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 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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FALKLANDS: STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS.

1. I TOOK THE FOLLOWING LINE WITH THE PRESS ON MY ARRIVAL AT JFK AT 1330Z:

(A) I HAD HAD A VERY THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF ALL THE ISSUES WITH MY GOVERNMENT OVER THE WEEKEND AND I HAD COME BACK TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING:

(B) THERE WAS NO PARTICULAR CHANGE IN THE MOOD OF THE CABINET. WE WERE UP AGAINST VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AND I DID NOT THINK THAT ANYONE, ON ANY SIDE, CONSIDERED THAT THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD GO ON INDEFINITELY.

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- (C) (WHEN ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS A TIME LIMIT OR DEADLINE): NO TIME LIMIT BUT I SAID BEFORE I WENT AWAY WE ARE OBVIOUSLY TALKING IN TERMS OF DAYS, NOT WEEKS (A PHRASE WHICH I REPEATED FOUR TIMES):
- (D) (WAS I COMING BACK TO EXPEDITE THE TALKS): I WAS CERTAINLY NOT COMING BACK TO SLOW MATTERS DOWN. I WAS COMING BACK IN THE SAME MOOD AS WHEN I WENT AWAY:
- (E) (WHEN ASKED ABOUT A STATEMENT, ATTRIBUTED TO MR NOTT, THAT BRITAIN WOULD NEVER CONCEDE SOVEREIGNTY): AT THE OUTSET OF A NEGOTIATION IT WAS NATURAL FOR ANY SIDE TO STICK FIRMLY TO ITS POSITION.

2. AS HE ENTERED UN HEADQUARTERS THIS MORNING, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPLIES TO QUESTIONS:

Q. ARE YOU EXPECTING NEW PROPOSALS TODAY?

A. I EXPECT SOME COMMENTS FROM THE TWO SIDES TODAY, MAINLY FROM THE BRITISH. PERHAPS AROUND 7PM I MAY BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE INTERESTING.

Q. ARE YOU EXPECTING FINAL PROPOSALS?

A. I SHOULD NOT SAY FINAL, BUT I EXPECT SOME COMMENTS FROM THEM. I THINK REALLY WE ARE AT THE FINAL STAGE OF OUR EXERCISE.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE ESCALATION OF THE MILITARY ACTIVITY? ARE YOU ALARMED BY THAT?

A. IT IS NOT FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

Q. DO YOU FEEL YOURSELF THAT THERE ARE ANY FINAL DEADLINES?

A. I THINK WE ARE REALLY IN THE LAST DAYS OF MY EXERCISE.

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