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- 1. HAIG HAS TELEPHONED HAVING HEARD A GOOD DEAL OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE. HE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE "WELL-POSTURED". WE HAD PLAYED THINGS INTELLIGENTLY AND EFFICIENTLY.
- 2. I HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY LEADER IN THE SENATE, HOWARD BAKER,
  AND GIVEN HIM THE OUTLINE OF OUR ATTITUDE ON THE BASIS OF THE
  PM'S AND YOUR SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. HE SAID THAT HE
  AGREED WITH EVERY WORD OF IT. HE SAID THAT THE SENATE WOULD, HE
  WAS SURE, REMAIN SOUND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. HE SAW THE NEED FOR
  KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE MILITARILY AS WELL AS KEEPING OPEN THE
  NEGOTIATING CHANNEL.
- 3. HE REFERRED TO THE QUESTION SENATOR STEVENS HAD RAISED LAST

3. HE REFERRED TO THE QUESTION SENATOR STEVENS HAD RAISED LAST WEEK ABOUT A POSSIBLE SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE BRITISH NOT TO USE FORCE AGAINST THE ARGENTINE MAINLAND. BAKER SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE COULD KEEP THIS UNDER CONTROL. I EMPHASISED THE BAD EFFECT ANYTHING LIKE THIS COULD HAVE IN THE UK AND BAKER SAID THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS.

4. I HAVE ALSO HAD A CALL FROM SENATOR MOYNIHAN, WHO EXPRESSED STRONG AND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR STANCE.

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