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1. There have been no overnight developments in New York.
- A (FCO telno. 484 to UKMIS New York) 2. Instructions were sent to Sir A Parsons to tell Perez de Cuellar that the Argentine terms for a ceasefire are quite unacceptable. The British position remains as set out in the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's message of 27 May, which HMG would prefer Perez de Cuellar to paraphrase rather than publish when, as seems inevitable, he has to report failure to the Security Council. On international security arrangements, HMG would prefer them to be outside the UN, but Sir A Parsons is instructed simply to tell Perez de Cuellar that HMG do not exclude UN coordination.
- B (UKMIS New York telno. 884)
- C (FCO telno 475 to UKMIS New York)
- D (UKMIS New York telno. 894) 3. Sir A Parsons has replied that it would be better to have something which could be published setting on record the British view. This could best take the form of a new message from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to Perez de Cuellar setting out the British position on acceptable terms for a ceasefire, taking into account the Argentine position. If this is agreed he would require such a message by 1400Z on 31 May.

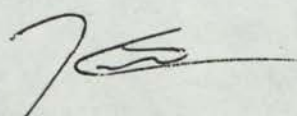
Haig's Ideas

- E (FCO telno. 1088 to Washington) 4. HM Ambassador in Washington was informed that Haig's ideas are being carefully studied, but a full response is unlikely before 1 June.
- F (Washington telno.1969) 5. Haig has commissioned a study of possible US help in providing food and medicine for the Argentine prisoners as well as in repatriating them after the fighting is over. This would be part of an international effort, although the US would bear the brunt. The plan would be designed to mend fences with the Argentinians and other Latin Americans as well as to offer practical help to the UK.
- G (Washington telno.1968) 6. President Reagan and Mr Haig would like to have a private talk with the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary in the context of the Versailles Summit. They suggest meeting from 1500 to 1630 on Friday, 4 June.

Comment

7. Action arising from overnight developments is required on Sir A Parsons' suggestion of a new statement for the public record of our position on a ceasefire.

31 May 1982


 R.M Jackson
 Emergency Unit