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YOUR TELNO 1162: FALKLAND ISLANDS: U.S. HELP WITH THE REPATRIATION PRISONERS.

1. I RAISED THIS TODAY WITH HAIG. EAGLEBURGER WAS ALSO PRESENT. THE AMERICANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVING CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO THE LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES. I BELIEVE THEY COULD ASSIST EITHER BY SEA OR AIR. THEY REALISE THE URGENCY AND GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM AND AWAIT A SPECIFIC REQUEST. I MENTIONED TO HAIG, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION CONVEYED TO ME BY TELEPHONE FROM LONDON, THAT BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY WE MIGHT WELL BE TACKLING THE PROBLEM OURSELVES BY SEA TRANSPORT AT A VERY EARLY DATE.

2. HAIG TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT HE HOPED THAT NOBODY IN LONDON WOULD BELIEVE, WHATEVER THE PRESS WERE SAYING, THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WERE EXERCISING PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH ABOUT THE SITUATION IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. THEY KNEW THAT WE WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE.

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