

FALKLAND ISLANDS - HAIG VISIT.

On the Record

The Foreign Secretary warmly welcomes President Reagan's decision to send Mr Haig to London. He comes as a friend and ally to consult with us on an issue of great importance to us both - the implementation of Security Council Resolution 502 for which both countries voted.

Unattributably

We shall look forward to discussing ways in which the United States might most effectively support our efforts to secure Argentine withdrawal from the Falkland Islands in accordance with the Security Council Resolution.

We expect the visit to take inside of a day (tomorrow) - a working meal at Number 10 with talks before and after.

IF ASKED WHO INVITED HAIG (SOME REPORTS SAY HE IS COMING AT OUR INVITATION)?

Stick to the above line if possible. We have been in constant contact with the U.S. Administration over the past days and Haig's visit is an extension of this. We would of course be happy to invite him to London at any time.

Mediation?

There is no mediation process under way. Our objective is the immediate withdrawal of Argentine forces.