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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT

"First let me just make a statement. Despite the circumstances it is always a great personal pleasure for me to be back in London. As you know President Reagan has asked me to represent him in seeking to be of assistance in solving the crisis in the South Atlantic. I am looking forward to discussions here in Great Britain with Prime Minister Thatcher's Government which is the United States closest ally and friend, and to seek solutions if we can in accordance with UN Resolution 502 which calls for the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Islands and a diplomatic solution to the problem. I also look forward to seeking once again and working for the first time with my old colleague Foreign Secretary Pym and we will have many discussions in the hours ahead."

This was passed on to us by the US Embassy Press Office.

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