

# LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11AM date: 14.4.82

Cabinet at 10.30 am. All present except Agriculture Secretary and Scottish Secretary. Basically Falklands session.

## PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH

Prime Minister likely to speak for about 20/25 minutes. She would cover the diplomatic, economic and military aspects of situation. Prime Minister would not be going into the details of negotiations. She would not be saying what the new ideas Mr Haig has.

## HAIG SHUTTLE

Haig is not acting as a mediator but as a helpful friend. On talks the sequence was as follows:

Talks on Monday. Then overnight fresh difficulties from Buenos Aires. On Tuesday morning Haig comes to explain new position to Prime Minister. After leaving Downing Street Haig in touch with Buenos Aires and some relaxation of Argentine stance. Pym goes to meet Haig at his hotel to be told of this development. Haig then flies out with new ideas.

We understand Haig may now return quite soon to Buenos Aires. We did not know if he would then come back to London.

There has been no direct contact between Prime Minister and Haig in the interim.

## TASK FORCE

We saw no possibility of a second task force being assembled. What was happening was that a number of ships were leaving at intervals.

## PRIVY COUNCIL

No meeting on Privy Council terms had been held to discuss the Falklands with the Opposition leader. Nor was one planned.

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