

Mr. Pym outside No.10 following Cabinet: 20 April, 1982: 1900 hours

At the Community this morning, and met the Foreign Ministers of the Community countries. I thanked them for their support to Britain over the dispute with Argentina in relation to the Falkland Islands. I have updated them so far as I can about the negotiations as they are today and it was a very satisfactory meeting. Now we've just had a Cabinet Meeting here, where the Cabinet has reviewed the position as it stands today. I shall be having further talks with the Prime Minister and others tomorrow morning before departing on Thursday for Washington. And that's the present position.

Q: Are we still demanding complete Argentine withdrawal?

That has always been part of our position, and everybody knows that has been part of our position.

Q: That means you reject joint Argentine administration and police?

That's a different point to Argentine withdrawal. That has always been quite clear that that is what we require. So that is the position at the moment. The negotiations continue, it is difficult. I've not made any secret about that, but we are doing our very best to achieve a diplomatic settlement.

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