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1. The US Secretary of State rang the Foreign Secretary at 10, Downing Street at 0010 hours this morning, following up a conversation (of which we have no record here yet) half an hour earlier.

2. Mr Haig said that he had just heard from the US Ambassador in Buenos Aires. The report was very negative; the Argentinians had said nothing one way or another, from which the Americans drew very ominous conclusions. The Argentinians had said that they were ready to resume discussion of sovereignty on the assumption of transfer by the year's end. President Reagan was at that moment trying to put a call through to the Argentinian President to insist that no action be taken. Meanwhile the Americans were also in contact with the Vatican.

2 April 1982

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