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1. On 7 April 82, Argentine Ambassador to France, Gerardo Jorge Schamis spoke to PARS Chief Paris regarding crisis over Falkland Islands. Schamis made these points:

--Crisis does great harm and works to benefit of USSR and to Communist allies.

--Urgent steps are needed to avert military clash.

--Argentine values highly its relations with USG whose influence can be decisive.

--President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri has great respect for Ambassador Walters. (This was confirmed to Amb Schamis when he spent three hours with Galtieri last week in Argentina.)

--Ambassador Walters enjoys similar reputation in UK and NATO.

--It would be highly advantageous to send Ambassador Walters immediately to meet with President Galtieri and subsequently to use him as a confidential intermediary between Galtieri and an appropriate British official. Ambassador Schamis believes that Amb Walters can be extremely effective if he has opportunity for extended personal talk with President Galtieri.

--A mission by Ambassador Walters could have effect of reversing or slowing down current trend toward military confrontation. It would gain time and facilitate some negotiations toward a longer term solution of some kind - perhaps along model of Hong Kong.

2. Ambassador Schamis knows that Ambassador Walters is in Paris and has asked him to call him. Ambassador Walters has held off for the present. Ambassador Walters asked that this message be passed to Mr. Sherwood Goldberg for Secretary Haig.

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being sent  
instead