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Mr Fearn (SAmD)

*Mr Hayward
my signal.*

*I have telephoned to Washington
on this or possible means
of us resolution*

Falkland Islands

The Secretary of State telephoned Mr Haig at 1545 on 2 April. The Secretary of State said that he was very grateful for all the United States' efforts with Argentina in the previous twenty-four hours. Mr Haig said that the Americans had been officially told by the Argentine Military Attaché in Washington that Argentine forces had landed in the Falkland Islands and occupied Port Stanley. Lord Carrington said that he had just received confirmation of this from the Falkland Islands. Were the Americans contemplating any action?

Mr Haig said that they had nothing specific in mind at the moment but that Admiral Hayward would be cutting short his visit to Argentina. Lord Carrington said that the next step would be an emergency meeting of the Security Council which presented relatively few problems. But there were some areas in which the Americans might be able to help us, for example in rallying support. He hoped that Mr Haig would agree to see Sir Nicholas Henderson as soon as possible, and that the Americans would be prepared to make a statement condemning Argentine action in the strongest terms possible. Mr Haig said that he would of course see Sir N Henderson and that they would look at what they could say in public. He was worried about what would happen next. Unless a solution could be found, the issue would be a tinderbox which could go up at any minute. Lord Carrington agreed. He said that Sir N Henderson would bring with him some suggestions for consideration by the Americans of action they might take.

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