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FALKLAND ISLANDS: PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MEETINGS WITH CARIBBEAN LEADERS

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL BE MEETING PRIME MINISTER SEAGA IN JAMAICA ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL AND WILL BE HAVING LUNCH IN BARBADOS ON THURSDAY 8 APRIL WITH PRIME MINISTER ADAMS AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS OF ANTIGUA, DOMINICA, ST CHRISTOPHER/ST KITTS AND ST VINCENT.
2. THE PRESIDENT THINKS HIGHLY OF SEAGA AND IS LIKELY TO LISTEN TO WHAT HE AND THE OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN LEADERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. I THINK IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO BRIEF THE CARIBBEAN LEADERS AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE ON OUR POLICY BEFORE THEY SEE REAGAN. THE POINT I AM TRYING TO GET ACROSS TO THE AMERICANS HERE IS THAT, WHILE THEY MAY BE NEUTRAL ON THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE, THEY CANNOT BE NEUTRAL ABOUT THE USE OF AGGRESSION TO RESOLVE LONG STANDING DISPUTES. THIS IS NOT A COLONIAL ISSUE. IT IS A QUESTION OF UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE. WHILE, THEREFORE, WE HOPE TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION, WE ARE DETERMINED TO RESTORE THE FREEDOMS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.
3. THE MORE CLEARLY THE CARIBBEAN LEADERS, PARTICULARLY SEAGA AND ADAMS, CAN BE PERSUADED TO TELL THE PRESIDENT OF THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO ENSURING THAT THE ARGENTINIANS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PERPETUATE THEIR OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLANDS AND SEEK TO RESOLVE TERRITORIAL DISPUTES BY FORCE, THE BETTER.
4. WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE A PARTICULAR EFFORT GENERALLY WITH THE COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS OF THE OAS.

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