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YOUR TELNO 664: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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1. I CONVEYED THE MESSAGE AND HAIG IS GRATEFUL. HE WILL BE READY FOR TALKS IN LONDON TOMORROW. HE WILL LEAVE HERE THIS AFTERNOON SO AS TO GET A NIGHT'S REST IN LONDON. I WILL TIE HIM DOWN ABOUT LUNCH OR DINNER AND LET YOU KNOW LATER.
2. I EXPLAINED YOUR CONCERN ABOUT HOW THIS VISIT IS TO BE REPRESENTED PUBLICLY AND SUGGESTED THE LINE THAT WE SHOULD BOTH TAKE. HAIG SAID THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WAS PUTTING OUT A STATEMENT THIS MORNING THAT HE, HAIG, WOULD NOT BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT ON HIS VISIT TO THE CARIBBEAN. THE PRESIDENT WANTED HIM TO CONTINUE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE. NEITHER HAIG NOR THE WHITE HOUSE INTENDED USING THE WORDS MEDIATOR OR GOOD OFFICES.
3. I SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. COULD AT LEAST DRAW ON THE WORDING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL ETC. HAIG SAID THAT THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE CLEAR THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. THEY WERE GOING TO SAY THAT THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ANY FURTHER USE OF FORCE. I SAID THAT THIS DID NOT SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA. THE ARGENTINIANS HAD ALREADY USED FORCE. SUCH LANGUAGE WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WERE IN FAVOUR OF BLOCKING OUR THREATENED ACTION IF THE ARGENTINIANS DID NOT WITHDRAW. HAIG TOOK NOTE AND ASKED ME TO LEAVE THE PROBLEM WITH HIM. HE UNDERSTOOD IT.
4. I DREW HAIG'S ATTENTION TO THE CAMPAIGN THE SOVIETS WERE LAUNCHING TO SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. WAS DISTANCING ITSELF FROM THE U K ON THIS ISSUE. IN PARTICULAR I MENTIONED THE SENSE IN GERMANY THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING (BONN TELEGRAM NO 305). HAIG SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD THIS. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
5. I ALSO MENTIONED THE DIFFICULTIES THE VENEZUELAN AND COLOMBIANS WERE CAUSING AND ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. COULD NOT EXERT SOME PRESSURE ON THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. HAIG SAID THAT HE WAS DOING HIS BEST. THEY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO HEAD THEM OFF FROM EARLY U.S. OR RIO TREATY ACTION. HE BELIEVED THAT AMBASSADOR MITTENDORF WAS HAVING SOME SUCCESS IN THE O A S.

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