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Mr Hulse  
Emergency Unit

EXPECTED MESSAGE FROM MR HAIG

1. We have now been told by the US Embassy in London that Mr Haig is not expected to arrive in Buenos Aires until 11 pm tonight local time, ie 3 am to-morrow morning our time, and that his talks will begin to-morrow morning (local time) ie probably starting around noon our time at the earliest. On this timetable we would be unlikely to receive any message from Mr Haig until about mid-afternoon to-morrow at the earliest.

2. In case the timetable changes again, it may nonetheless be worthwhile recording the arrangements agreed for dealing with any message that might come in overnight, as had earlier seemed possible. (It is conceivable of course that a message might come in over Saturday night). You have alerted the US Embassy, through whom we expect Mr Haig's message will be passed, to the need to telephone the Emergency Unit as soon as a message arrives regardless of the time, and to pass it on at once.

3. One possibility, perhaps the most likely, is that the message will be procedural and will suggest, in the light of Mr Haig's talks in Buenos Aires, that he should visit London again straight away. In this eventuality we have authority from the Secretary of State and from No 10 to send an immediate reply on the following lines:

"The message has been passed to Mr Pym who will be delighted to see Mr Haig again in London, [following to be added only if the message requires it] and is confident that the Prime Minister would too."

If the message is other than this, for example a message which includes a proposal, or a message which asks for comments or provides us with the opportunity for comment, there will need to be an Office meeting as soon as possible after the message is received so that a recommendation can be put to the Secretary of State. If the message is of this type, the Emergency Unit should telephone the following people as soon as it is received:

- i. Mr Fall
- ii. The Private Secretary on duty
- iii. The PUS
- iv. PS/PUS
- v. Sir I Sinclair
- vi. Mr Gillmore/Mr Weston
- vii. Mr Ure
- viii. Mr Fearn
- ix. Mr Jay, Planning Staff.

Others can be summoned later as necessary.

M H Jay  
Planning Staff

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/cc:

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PS/PUS  
Sir I Sinclair  
Mr Wright  
Mr Gillmore  
Mr Ure  
Mr Williams, UND  
Mr Weston  
News Dept  
Mr Fearn