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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 9 TV NEWSCASTS

I. CLS EVENING NEWS

A. FALKLAND ISLANDS - THE PEOPLE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ASKED BRITAIN TO EVACUATE THEM BEFORE FIGHTING BREAKS OUT BETWEEN A BRITISH ARMADA AND ARGENTINE FORCES. APPEAL WAS MADE BY FALKLAND'S LEADERS SHORTLY AFTER HAIG LEFT LONDON FOR BUENOS AIRES. HAIG EXPECTED TO TELL ARGENTINA'S MILITARY RULERS BRITAIN IS UNCOMPROMISING IN DEMAND THAT ARGENTINE TROOPS BE REMOVED FROM FALKLANDS. ARGENTINA APPEARS TO HAVE DIFFERENT COURSE IN MIND AS IT CALLED UP THOUSANDS OF MILITARY RESERVES. (DAN RATHER)

TOUGH TALK THAT HAS COME OUT OF LONDON SEEMED TO BE CATCHING ON IN ARGENTINA. GENERALS DIGGING IN THEIR HEELS, TOO. "WILL YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLANDS?" ONE GENERAL WAS ASKED. "ASK 27 MILLION ARGENTINIANS," HE REPLIED. 9,000 ARGENTINIAN TROOPS ALREADY REPORTED DUG IN IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AS MORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT MOVED BY TRAIN THROUGH BUENOS AIRES. 100,000 MILITARY RESERVISTS ALERTED FOR DUTY YESTERDAY WERE TOLD TODAY TO REPORT TO UNITS. THE INCREASED RIGIDITY WAS REFLECTED AT EVEN THIS MORNING'S

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES WHEN ARCHBISHOP OF BUENOS AIRES SAID TAKING OF ISLANDS WAS HISTORIC AND HAPPY MOMENT FOR THE COUNTRY; HIS HOMILY CONTAINED NO CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS. LONGTIME OBSERVERS IN ARGENTINA, AS IN BRITAIN, SAY THE FEELING OF NATIONAL HONOR AT STAKE IN ALL OF THIS. THIS IS WHAT WILL MAKE STARTING NEGOTIATIONS SO DIFFICULT. YET, ARGENTINA, LIKE BRITAIN, IS PLAGUED BY FRAGILE ECONOMY WHICH COULD BE WRECKED BY MILITARY CONFRONTATION. WHILE GENERALS IN BUENOS AIRES AWAITED HAIG, AND EXPLORED WAYS TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL HONOR, TO THE SOUTH A 19-YEAR OLD ARGENTINE MARINE WAS BURIED. HE WAS KILLED WHEN ISLANDS WERE TAKEN. (BOB SCHIEFFER)

U.S. TODAY ISSUED SPECIAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, ADVISING ALL U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS TO STAY OUT OF AREA WITHIN 200 NAUTICAL MILES OF FALKLAND ISLANDS. THAT AREA HAS BEEN DECLARED WAR ZONE BY BRITISH. BRITISH SURFACE ARMADA THAT WILL HELP BACK UP THAT DECLARATION NOW ESTIMATED TO BE OFF COAST OF MAURATANIA (PHONETIC), STILL MORE THAN A WEEK AWAY FROM FALKLANDS. BRITISH NUCLEAR POWERED SUBS EXPECTED TO BE FALKLANDS REGION OVER WEEKEND. (DAN RATHER)

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WHILE HAIG HEADED FOR BUENOS AIRES, TRYING TO HEAD OFF CONFRONTATION. IN ARGENTINA, THEY ARE SAYING IF BRITISH ATTACK THEY WILL BE READY. (TOM BROKAW)

LAST ELEMENT IN BRITISH ARMADA AT SEA TONIGHT, HEADING FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC. CRUISE LINER "CAMBERRA" IS TAKING 2,000 MARINES AND PARATROOPERS TOWARD ISLANDS. BRITISH GOVERNMENT VIRTUALLY SHUT DOWN FOR EASTER WEEKEND. BUT WHEN SUNDAY MIDNIGHT COMES, WILL BRITISH BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THEIR WAR ZONE AROUND ISLANDS? ANSWER SEEMS TO BE "YES". ARGENTINA DOES HAVE ANTI-SUB HELICOPTERS MADE IN BRITAIN. ONE BRITISH DEFENSE EXPERT SAYS NO ARGENTINE DEFENSE MEASURES WILL PREVENT SUBS FROM SINKING WHATEVER THEY'RE ORDERED TO SINK. AND, SAYS THAT EXPERT, AT LEAST ONE SINKING MAY BE NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE TO ARGENTINES THAT BRITISH MEAN BUSINESS. (STEVE DELANEY)

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A TOP ARGENTINE PRESIDENTIAL AIDE INSISTS ONE SUBJECT ARGENTINA WILL NOT DISCUSS IS SOVEREIGNTY OVER FALKLANDS. LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT GALTIERI HELD MEETINGS AT GOVERNOR HOUSE WELL PAST MIDNIGHT, PREPARING FOR MEETING WITH HAIG. ARGENTINES SAY THEY WILL NOT COMMENT ON HAIG'S MISSION UNTIL THEY SEE WHAT HE HAS BROUGHT FROM LONDON. MANY WESTERN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE TIMING OF GOVERNMENT'S MOVE INTO FALKLANDS DESIGNED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SEVERE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND GIVE MILITARY RULERS TIME TO TRY TO BUILD POPULAR POLITICAL BASE ON STRONG NATIONAL SENTIMENT CURRENTLY SWEEPING COUNTRY. (RICHARD VALERIANI)

STATE DEPARTMENT WARNED AMERICAN SHIPS TO STAY WELL AWAY FROM BRITISH BLOCKADE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THIS WAS JUST AN

ADVISORY WARNING, THAT IT IN NO WAY REPRESENTED AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN POSITION ON THAT BLOCKADE. (TOM BROKAW)

THREE RETIRED U.S. ADMIRALS, INCLUDING ELMO ZUMWALT, AGREED TODAY JUST ONE OR TWO BRITISH NAVY SUBS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO SINK ENTIRE ARGENTINE FLEET. (ROGER MUDD)

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ORDER TO ENFORCE 200-MILE BLOCKADE (BEFORE BRITISH FLEET ARRIVES) BRITISH MUST USE SUBS THEY HAVE IN AREA, PERHAPS AS MANY AS SIX. MOST NAVAL ANALYSTS BELIEVE ARGENTINE NAVY WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING PAST BRITISH SUBS, SOME OF WHICH ARE NUCLEAR POWERED. IF SUBMARINES SURFACE TO WARD AWAY ARGENTINE SHIPS BEFORE FIRING ON THEM--A STANDARD NAVAL PRACTICE--BRITISH COULD BE PUTTING THEMSELVES IN SOME DANGER. THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF AIR STRIKES BY ARGENTINE PLANES. EXPERTS SAY SUBS HAVE PLENTY OF DEFENSIVE WEAPONS, INCLUDING SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. NAVAL EXPERTS SAY EARLY SHOW OF SUPERIORITY BY BRITISH MAY FORCE ARGENTINES TO RETHINK THEIR OCCUPATION OF ISLANDS. IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, BRITISH MAY BE IN FOR LONG AND TOUGH BLOCKADE. (GEORGE LEWIS)

COMMON MARKET CONFIRMED TODAY THAT ALL 10 MEMBER NATIONS AGREED TO BAN SALE OF ARMS TO ARGENTINA. A FULL TRADE EMBARGO, WHICH WOULD BE COMMON MARKET'S TOUGHEST MOVE SINCE FOUNDED IN 1957, STILL IS A POSSIBILITY. (ROGER MUDD)

B. U.S.-NICARAGUA RELATIONS - THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS CHARGED FROM BEGINNING THAT NICARAGUA IS MAJOR CONDUIT OF ARMS FROM CUBA, IS TRYING AGAIN TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. THIS IS THIRD ATTEMPT SINCE AUGUST. (ROGER MUDD)

THE 8-POINT PACKAGE REPRESENTS WHAT U.S. SEES AS TRADEOFF OF EACH COUNTRY'S REQUIREMENTS. FEATURE OF ENTIRE PACKAGE HINGES ON NICARAGUA'S ACCEPTANCE OF POINT NUMBER 1: THAT NICARAGUA'S LEFTIST REGIME END ITS SUPPORT OF INSURGENCIES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY EL SALVADOR. AMONG THE OTHER PROPOSALS, NICARAGUA WOULD AGREE NOT TO IMPORT HEAVY OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, TO LIMIT ARMS AND MILITARY FORCES, TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MILITARY ADVISORS, AND TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION. U.S. HAS ACCUSED NICARAGUA OF ASSEMBLING CENTRAL AMERICA'S LARGEST MILITARY FORCE WITH CUBAN AND SOVIET AID. ANOTHER PROPOSAL IN EFFECT CALLS ON NICARAGUA TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLEDGES OF FREE ELECTIONS AND NON-ALIGNMENT. IN EXCHANGE, U.S. WOULD JOIN NICARAGUA IN A PLEDGE OF NON-INTERFERENCE. U.S. WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT

AIMED AT CALMING NICARAGUAN FEARS OF AN INVASION BY NICARAGUAN EXILES TRAINING IN U.S. AND, FINALLY, U.S. WOULD PROPOSE DIRECT ECONOMIC AID, AND INVITE NICARAGUA'S PARTICIPATION IN REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE. U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE NOT EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC NICARAGUA WILL BUY THE PACKAGE, ADDING U.S. WOULD WELCOME COUNTER PROPOSALS, THE IMPORTANT THING BEING TO START A DIALOGUE. (BERNARD KALB)

C. ISRAEL/LEBANON - ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON SAYS IT IS ONLY MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS.

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IN LEBANON. ISRAEL SEEMS TO BE CHANGING ITS TERMS OF CEASEFIRE WITH PLO. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN SAID LAST MONTH THAT KILLING OF ONE JEW ANYWHERE IN WORLD WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE. AT FUNERAL THIS WEEK OF ISRAELI DIPLOMAT MURDERED IN PARIS, FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR SAID PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS TAKE THEIR ORDERS FROM CENTER OF TERROR IN LEBANON. ALMOST ANYTHING COULD TOUCH OFF FIGHTING AT TIME WHEN ARABS ARE BEING KILLED BY ISRAELIS ON WEST BANK, AND TENSIONS ARE TERRIBLY HIGH. IN A SENSE, RHETORIC OF BEGIN GOVERNMENT HAS ALMOST COMMITTED IT TO MOVE IN LEBANON. IT IS AN AWFUL DILEMMA FOR BEGIN. ISRAEL COULD PURCHASE SEVERAL YEARS OF PEACE BY FINISHING OFF PLO MILITARY UNITS, BUT PRICE WOULD BE TERRIBLE ONE: THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES, HUNDREDS DEAD, ISRAEL CONDEMNED BY WORLD, AND A DISASTER FOR AMERICAN POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST. SOME AMERICANS BETTING BEGIN WON'T INVADE LEBANON. PLO IS BEING VERY QUIET RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO IT. HOW LONG THINGS WILL STAY QUIET, HOWEVER, NOBODY KNOWS. (JOHN CHANCELLOR)

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3. ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT

A. FAUKLAND ISLANDS - THERE IS NOW A LITTLE MORE THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE DEADLINE THAT COULD MEAN THE START OF SHOOTING BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA. - HAIG MUST NOW TRY TO CONVINCED THE GENERALS IN ARGENTINA TO KEEP THEIR GUNS SILENT. ARGENTINA IS WAITING FOR HIM; BUT THEY'RE ALSO WAITING AND THEY INSIST ARE READY FOR THE BRITISH. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

HAIG WILL FIND GALTIERI JUST AS DETERMINED ABOUT ARGENTINA'S RIGHTS IN THE FAUKLAND DISPUTE AS THATCHER IS ABOUT BRITAIN. WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHAT ARGENTINA WAS GOING TO DO, GALTIERI ANSWERED WITH A SHRUG. HAIG WILL FIND THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR GALTIERI'S POSITION FROM THE ARGENTINIANS. MILITARY LEADERS WENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PREPARE ARGENTINA'S POSITION BEFORE HAIG'S ARRIVAL. CENTRAL TO THE POSITION IS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FAUKLANDS, EVERYTHING ELSE IS NEGOTIABLE. ARGENTINIANS ARE NOT WILLING TO REMOVE THEIR TROOPS FROM THE ISLANDS BEFORE ANY AGREEMENT IS REACHED WITH BRITAIN. SOME SPECULATION ON POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH OCCUPYING THE SOUTH GEORGIA AND SANWIDGE (SP) ISLANDS OF THE FAUKLAND GROUP. ARGENTINA IS WORRIED ABOUT THE 200-MILE BRITISH ZONE OF EXCLUSION AROUND THE FAUKLANDS; IT GOES INTO EFFECT AT 11:00 P.M. EST ON SUNDAY. HAIG WILL HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY, SOME APPROACH THAT WILL SATISFY THE NATIONALISM ON BOTH SIDES WITHOUT EITHER SIDE SEEMING TO LOSE FACE. IT IS GOING TO PROVE TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT. (SANDER VANOCUR)

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IN BRITAIN, THE GOVERNMENT FEELS IT HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED
ONE THING: WHEN HAIG LEFT TODAY, HE DID SO WITH A CLEAR
IMPRESSION OF BRITISH DETERMINATION. (PETER JENNINGS)

HAIG LEFT WITHOUT ANY BRITISH CONCESSIONS AND HE WILL WARN
PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA TOMORROW THAT THE BRITISH ARE
SERIOUS ABOUT THREAT OF SHOOTING ON MONDAY. HAIG CAME
AWAY FROM MEETING WITH THATCHER WITH A MUCH STRONGER SENSE
OF THE BRITISH DETERMINATION TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION.
HE EVIDENTLY TRIED HIS BEST TO WARN THE BRITISH OF THE
CONSEQUENCES OF WAR WITH ARGENTINA, BUT IN THE PROCESS WAS
PRESUADED THAT THE BRITISH AREN'T BLUFFING. U.S. OFFICIALS
BELIEVE THAT ARGENTINA IS JUST AS DETERMINED NOT TO
WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLANDS WITHOUT A FIRM COMMITMENT THAT
BRITAIN WILL ULTIMATELY CONCEDE THAT THE FAUKLANDS BELONG
TO ARGENTINA. THAT IS ONE CONCESSION HAIG MOST CERTAINLY
DID NOT GET. U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT SOME KIND OF
HOSTILITIES WERE VERY LIKELY BEFORE A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION
COULD BE REACHED. USEFULNESS OF HAIG'S MISSION MAY WELL

BE NOT THAT IT PREVENTED A FIGHT, BUT, THAT IT MADE IT
CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT U.S. WAS NOT IN CAHOOTS WITH
EITHER SIDE AND TRIED ITS BEST TO STOP IT. (BARRIE
DUNSMORE)

THE BRITISH ROYAL NAVY HAS 62 MAJOR COMBAT SHIPS, 15 OF
WHICH ARE PART OF THE FIRST TASK FORCE HEADING FOR
FAUKLANDS. ARGENTINA'S ENTIRE NAVY HAS JUST 13 COMBATANTS.
THE "INVINCIBLE" IS ONE OF TWO RELATIVELY MODERN AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS IN BRITISH FORCE. ARGENTINA HAS ONLY ONE WORLD-
WAR II VINTAGE AIRCRAFT CARRIER. BRITISH HAVE 28 SUB-
MARINES WORLDWIDE, 12 ARE NUCLEAR POWERED. ARGENTINA HAS
4 SUBMARINES, ALL DEISEL POWERED. BOTH NATIONS PRACTISE
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE, BUT BRITISH TEAM UP WITH U.S. OFTEN
TO TRACK SOVIET SUBS, AN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE THAT
ARGENTINA HAS NOT HAD. IN THE AIR, ARGENTINA WOULD SEEM TO
HAVE ADVANTAGE. THEY HAVE A-4 ATTACK PLANES MADE BY U.S.
AND HAVE STRIKE RANGE OF 200-300 MILES. BRITAIN FIGHTERS
FLYING OFF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS HAVE ONLY 100-MILE RANGE, BUT
HAVE SUPERIOR AIR-TO-AIR WEAPONS. FURTHER, ARGENTINA HAS
NEARLY 80 A-4'S WHILE THE ROYAL NAVY HAS FEWER THAN 20
FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE AT SEA. IRONY OF IT ALL: ONE
OF BRITAIN'S TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS HAS BEEN SOLD TO
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AUSTRALIA AS SURPLUS; AND ON ARGENTINA'S SIDE, ONE AIR-
CRAFT CARRIER, 2 OF ITS DESTROYERS, ALL OF ITS ANTI-SUB-
MARINE HELICOPTERS AND SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE MADE
IN GREAT BRITAIN. (JOHN MCWETHY)

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ALL AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS HAVE BEEN WARNED BY THE DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT TO STAY AWAY FROM THE DANGER ZONE AND KEEP
OUTSIDE THE 200-MILE ZONE AROUND THE FAUKLAND ISLANDS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

B. ISRAEL/LEBANON TROUBLES - ABC NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT
ISRAELI ARMED FORCES HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR A
MILITARY ATTACK INTO LEBANON AND U.S. OFFICIALS BELIEVE
THEY WILL STRIKE WITHIN A FEW DAYS, PROBABLY THIS WEEKEND.
HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ALERTED THAT
BEGIN IS ON THE BRINK OF GIVING HIS FORCES THE GO-AHEAD
USING AS AN EXPLANATION THE ASSASSINATION OF AN ISRAELI
DIPLOMAT IN PARIS LAST SATURDAY. HOWEVER, IT'S SUSPECTED
AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL HERE THAT AN ISRAELI DECISION TO
ATTACK IS TIMED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF U.S. PREOCCUPATION WITH
THE FAUKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS. AT LEAST TWO ISRAELI DIVI-
SIONS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED BY U.S. SATELLITES AND INTELLIGENCE
POISED FOR AN ATTACK ALONG THE LEBANESE BORDER. THEY
COULD FORESHADOW EITHER THE LONG-FEARED MASSIVE ATTACK, OR
A SMALLER INVASION WHICH WOULD AIM ONLY AT PLO INSTALLA-
TIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. IF LARGER ATTACK DEVELOPS,

SOME BELIEVE THAT ISRAELI TROOPS WOULD SEEK TO ADVANCE ALL
THE WAY TO BEIRUT'S OUTSKIRTS WHILE SIMUTANEOUSLY ATTACKING
SYRIAN MISSILES. ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER LAID GROUNDWORK
FOR ISRAELI RETALLIATION MONDAY WHEN HE SAID THAT THE
MURDER OF AN ISRAELI DIPLOMAT IN PARIS WAS AIMED AT THE
HEART OF ISRAEL AND CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF THE ISRAELI/
PLO CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. (JOHN SCALI)

THE PLO ITSELF HAS PUT ITS FIGHTERS ON FULL-ALERT ALONG
LEBANESE/ISRAELI BORDER. PLO SPOKESMAN SAID THERE ARE
EXTRA-ORDINARY ISRAELI MILITARY MOVEMENTS ALONG THE BORDER,
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE ISRAELI-SUPPORT-
ED LEBANESE MILITIA. (PETER JENNINGS)

IN PARIS, POLICE SAY THAT ISRAELI DIPLOMAT KILLED ON
SATURDAY AND A DEPUTY U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE WERE MURDERED
WITH THE SAME AUTOMATIC PISTOL. (PETER JENNINGS)

C. NICARAGUA - U.S. SAYS THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF OPENING
UP NEGOTIATIONS WITH NICARAGUA AND IS OFFERING TO RESUME
ECONOMIC AID IF THE NICARAGUANS WILL STOP AIDING THE
REBELS IN EL SALVADOR. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID
THE PLAN WAS GIVEN TO THEM YESTERDAY AND THEY SEEMED
INTERESTED. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

4. ABC NIGHTLINE TO FOLLOW. STOESSEL

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