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The day AM began 1st round of talks w/ Argentina

1. "HAIG FLYING TO BUENOS AIRES IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF A WAR," BY EDWARD SCHUMACHER, NEW YORK TIMES.

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BUENOS AIRES, APRIL 9--ARGENTINA CONTINUED TO EXPRESS DEFIANCE TODAY AS HAIG FLEW HERE FROM LONDON IN SEARCH OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE FALKLANDS CRISIS.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANY PROPOSALS THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT BE CARRYING FROM LONDON. BUT THEY SAID ARGENTINA WOULD INSIST ON BOTH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS AND THE RIGHT TO ADMINISTER THEM.

DEFMIN FRUGOLI TOLD REPORTERS IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF MENDOZA THAT ARGENTINA WOULD MEET THE BRITISH NAVAL TREATY WITH "ENERGY, DECISIVENESS AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE" IN THE "GLORIOUS TRADITION" OF THE COUNTRY'S LIBERATOR, JOSE DE SAN MARTIN.

FM COSTA MENDEZ SAID IN A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE BRITISH ATTITUDE WAS "RIDICULOUS" AND HAD "NO PRETEXT." HE SAID BRITAIN HAD IGNORED THE ISLANDS UNTIL NOW.

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"IT CAN'T BE THAT THEY SEND 40 SHIPS TO ISLANDS THAT THEY HAVE NOT OCCUPIED FOR MANY YEARS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLANDS DEPENDED ON ARGENTINA FOR FOOD, FUEL, AND MEDICAL AID.

FIVE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES THAT HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT SAID THEY WANTED TO MEET WITH HAIG TO SHOW THE WIDE SUPPORT IN ARGENTINA FOR THE TAKEOVER OF THE FALKLANDS.

A NUMBER OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS OFFERED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE CASE. A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER WENT TO CARACAS TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF VENEZUELA'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

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IN A FURTHER SHOW OF NATIONAL UNITY, FM COSTA MENDEZ CALLED IN FORMER FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM THEM OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID.

2. "BRITAIN FEARS TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR A PEACEFUL FALKLANDS SOLUTION," BY R. W. APPLE, JR., NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, APRIL 9--BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT TIME MIGHT BE RUNNING OUT FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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THE OFFICIALS SAID ONLY HAIG HAD A CHANCE OF PERSUADING ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THE FALKLANDS SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN BEFORE THE BRITISH NAVY IMPOSES A BLOCKADE IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLANDS.

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ARGENTINE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONTINUED DEFIANCE, SAYING THAT THEY WOULD INSIST ON BOTH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THE RIGHT TO ADMINISTER THEM.

WHILE BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE ENCOURAGED THURSDAY BY ARGENTINE STATEMENTS THAT ALL ISSUES EXCEPT ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY WERE NEGOTIABLE, THEY WERE DISCOURAGED TODAY BY A REUTERS REPORT QUOTING ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS HAVING SAID THAT ARGENTINA WOULD NOT ACCEPT A HONG KONG OR ANDORRA STYLE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE FALKLANDS.

BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD NO SIGN THAT ARGENTINA

INTENDED TO RESPECT THE BLOCKADE ZONE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY BY DEFMIN NOTT. A MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WARNED ALL MERCHANT SHIPS INSIDE THE ZONE TO "TAKE CARE," BUT HE DID NOT SAY THEY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE FIRED ON.

THATCHER WAS REPORTED BY POLITICAL ASSOCIATES TO BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE OF HER GOVERNMENT DEPENDED ON RESTORING THE FALKLANDS TO BRITISH CONTROL, WITH OR WITHOUT FIGHTING.

ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY HAS IN GENERAL ENDORSED THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS SO FAR, A GROUP OF LABORITE LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING THE PARTY CHAIRMAN, DAME JUDITH HART, DEMANDED TODAY THAT THATCHER RECALL PARLIAMENT ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

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"IT IS INTOLERABLE," THE LEGISLATORS SAID, "THAT A WAR MIGHT BEGIN WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGOTIATION."

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3. "MOSCOW SAYS BRITAIN IS THREATENING PEACE WITH FALKLAND FLEET," BY JOHN F. BURNS, NEW YORK TIMES.

"MOSCOW, APRIL 9--TASS SAID TODAY THAT THE DISPATCH OF A BRITISH NAVAL FORCE TO THE FALKLANDS HAD CREATED "AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

THE COMMENTARY, WHICH ALSO CALLED FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS, REPRESENTED A HARDENING OF THE SOVIET UNION'S POSITION AND SUGGESTED THAT MOSCOW MIGHT BE PREPARING A FRESH INITIATIVE AT THE UN.

AFTER THE UNSC VOTE EARLIER IN THE WEEK, A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN HERE SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WANTED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL. BUT THE STATEMENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE THAT ACCUSED BRITAIN OF HAVING PRECIPITATED THE CRISIS BY REFUSING UN DEMANDS FOR THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE ISLANDS.

ALTHOUGH CRITICAL OF BRITAIN, THE COMMENTARY LEFT OPEN THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE LEGITIMACY OF ARGENTINA'S SEIZURE OF THE FALKLANDS AND THE ULTIMATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS.

DIPLOMATS HERE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION, WHILE EAGER TO FOSTER CLOSER TIES WITH ARGENTINA, IS RELUCTANT TO SANCTION THE USE OF FORCE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE.

4. "LONDON HELP IS SOUGHT TO EVACUATE FALKLANDS," NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, APRIL 9 (REUTERS)--A GROUP OF FALKLAND ISLANDERS HAVE ASKED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EVACUATE TEMPORARILY THE LOCAL POPULATION BEFORE HOSTILITIES BREAK OUT THERE, AND BRITAIN HAS ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO TAKE "AN INTEREST" IN THE FATE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.

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THE REQUEST FOR EVACUATION WAS CONTAINED IN A LETTER FROM PROMINENT FALKLAND ISLANDERS, BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FALKLAND GOVERNMENT HERE DISOWNED THE APPEAL, SAYING IT WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL ONE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT SIGNED BY ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S FALKLANDS OFFICE SAID THE LETTER, WHICH REACHED BRITISH OFFICIALS IN URUGUAY THROUGH BRITONS EVACUATED SINCE ARGENTINA CAPTURED THE ISLANDS A WEEK AGO, WAS COMPOSED BY THE HEAD OF THE POLICE FORCE AND A GROUP OF 15 CIVIL SERVANTS.

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5. "ARGENTINA PROMISES IT WILL AID AMERICANS IN LEAVING ISLANDS", BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON (REUTER) - AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE WELL BEING OF AMERICANS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT ANY WHO WISHED TO LEAVE WOULD BE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT THE NUMBER OF U.S. CITIZENS IN THE FALKLANDS AT 35.

ALAN ROMBERG ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS WARNED AMERICAN SHIPPING TO KEEP CLEAR OF A WAR ZONE DECLARED BY BRITIAN AND ARGENTINA OFF THE ISLANDS.

THE SPECIAL WARNING, WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ADVISED VESSELS NOT TO SAIL WITHIN 200 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE ISLANDS.

U.S. CITIZENS ALSO WERE BEING ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM THE FALKLANDS UNLESS THEY AHD COMPELLING REASONS TO BE THERE.

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6. "ARGENTINA ISSUES COUNTERTHREAT AS HAIG BRINGS BRITISH DEMANDS", BALTIMORE SUN

WIRE SERVICES - BUENOS AIRES - AS HAIG FLEW TO ARGENTINA, ARGENTINA VOWED IT WOULD EXCHANGE BLOW FOR BLOW WITH BRITAIN IF IT CAME TO A FIGHT OVER THE DESOLATE, WIND-SWEP FALKLAND ISLANDS.

HAIG ARRIVED LAST NIGHT CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER THAT ARGENTINA MUST EVACUATE THE BRITISH COLONY IT SEIZED LAST WEEK OR RISK BATTLE WITH THE ROYAL NAVY.

BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID BRITAIN THINKS ONLY MR. HAIG HAS ANY REAL CHANCE OF PERSUADING ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THE FALKLANDS SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN BEFORE THE ROYAL NAVY IMPOSES A BLOCKADE ON ARGENTINE SHIPS IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLANDS. BRITAIN HAS THREATENED TO SINK ANY ARGENTINE SHIP FOUND WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE FALKLANDS AFTER 11 P.M. EST TOMORROW.

ALTHOUGH HINTS HAD EMERGED EARLIER THAT ARGENTINA MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ARGENTINE DEFENSE MINISTER AMADEO FRUGOLI SAID YESTERDAY THE SOUTH AMERICAN NATION WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY CONDITIONS UNDER DURESS.

ARGENTINA WILL NOT ACCEPT PRESSURES OF ANY KIND, AND IF OUR ARMED FORCES ARE ATTACKED WE WILL RESPOND WITH CORRESPONDING ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY."

ARGENTINA Poured MORE REINFORCEMENTS INTO THE ISLANDS YESTERDAY, BROADCAST AIR RAID INSTRUCTIONS IN A MAJOR COASTAL CITY AND WARNED, "IF BRITAIN PERSISTS IN ITS HARD-HEADEDNESS AND ATTACKS, WE WILL DEFEND OURSELVES."

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BY HELEN THOMAS

LPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, APRIL 10 (UPI) -- PRESIDENT REAGAN USED HIS SECOND WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST SATURDAY TO REPEAT HIS PLEDGE TO "DO EVERYTHING WE CAN" TO RESOLVE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

HIS FIVE-MINUTE ADDRESS WAS BEAMED INTO THE UNITED STATES LIVE FROM HIS RENTED TROPICAL BARBADOS VILLA AND SENT TO THOUSANDS OF STATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN.

IN THE SPEECH, REAGAN CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF HIS CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE, DESIGNED TO BOLSTER THE ECONOMIES OF THE ISLAND NATIONS IN THE REGION.

"I BELIEVE OUR PLAN IS SOUND AND IN OUR BEST INTERESTS, AS WELL AS THEIRS," REAGAN SAID, REFERRING TO THE CARIBBEAN AS THE UNITED STATES' "THIRD BORDER."

THEN, IN A REFERENCE TO "OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE AMERICAS," REAGAN CALLED ON ARGENTINA AND BRITAIN TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS OVER THE FALKLANDS, AN ARCHIPELAGO OFF THE ARGENTINA'S COAST THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY SNATCHED FROM BRITAIN LAST WEEK.

"TWO OF OUR FRIENDS -- THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA -- CONFRONT EACH OTHER IN A COMPLEX DISAGREEMENT WHICH GOES BACK MANY GENERATIONS," REAGAN SAID.

"BECAUSE THEY'RE BOTH OUR FRIENDS, I'VE OFFERED OUR HELP IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BRING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER."

REAGAN CONFERRED FOR FIVE MINUTES BY TELEPHONE FRIDAY WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG AS HAIG FLEW FROM LONDON TO BUENOS AIRES TO HEAD OFF A BRITISH-ARGENTINA CONFLICT. HAIG WAS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY NIGHT.

REAGAN DEVOTED THE BULK OF HIS RADIO ADDRESS, SECOND IN A SERIES OF 10, TO A DEFENSE OF HIS PLAN TO CUT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN THE AWARDING OF LOANS TO COLLEGE STUDENTS.

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It was less than 5 minutes -
just a PR ploy - to show RR is
engaged in foreign policy -

FOR ONE THING, THE ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR HAVE REPUTATED THE INSURGENCY THERE, THE U.S. FEELS, THOUGH THE MAKEUP OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IS UNDERCIED. THE ADMINISTRATION CHARGES- AND THE SANDINISTAS DENY-THAT NICARAGUA, WITH WEAPONS FROM CUBA AND SOVIET SUPPORT, HAS SUSTAINED THE SALVADORAN CIVIL WAR.

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FOR ANOTHER, CONCILIATORY SOUNDS HAVE BEEN COMING FROM CUBA RECENTLY, WITH CUBAN AUTHORITIES ACCEPTING SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRAINED RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

BEH,ND ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS, U.S. OFFICIALS HOPE, IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION THAT ITS EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA ARE BECOMING TOO EXPENSIVE.

THAT PREMISE IS YET TO BE TESTED. THE ADMINISTRATION CONCLUDED THAT THE TIME WAS RIGHT FOR ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE SANDINISTAS.

2. "NICARAGUA IS GIVEN NEW U.S. PROPOSAL TO MEND RELATIONS" BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN, NEW YORK TIMES.

"8-POINT INITIATIVE OFFERED," "REVISED PLA; RETAIN; THE CALL TO END SANDINIST SUPPORT FOR EL ALVADOR REBELS"

WASHINGTON, APRIL 9 - A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD OFFERED NICARAGUA A NEW PLAN THAT WOULD MEND RELATIONS IN RETURN FOR AN END TO THAT COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR INSURGENTS IN EL SALVADOR.

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IN ESSENCE, THE EIGHT-POINT PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN

NATION, A PLEDGE OF NONINTERVENTION IN NICARAGUAN AFFAIRS, AND PRESSURE AGAINST NICARAGUAN EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES PLOTTING TO INTERVENE IN NICARAGUA.

IN RETURN, NICARAGUA WOULD HAVE TO END AID TO GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR AND AGREE TO LIMITS ON HEAVE ARMS AND FOREIGN MILITARY ADMISERS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THE ARMS QUESTION HAS BEEN THE STALLING POINT IN PAST ATTEMPTS TO START NEGOTIATIONS.

THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY SAID THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR QUANTON AND NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS AS "A POSITIVE ACT."

3. "WASHINGTON TALK, BRIEFING," NEW YORK TIMES.

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"HAIG WITHOUT BLINDERS"

HAIG WAS DELAYED HALF A DAY ON HIS INTERNATIONAL PEACE MISSION THIS WEEK BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO FLY TO LONDON IN AN AIR FORCE JETLINER THAT HAD NO WINDOWS. EARLIER REPORTS HAD ATTRIBUTED THE TIME LOSS ENTIRELY TO MECHANICAL

This is just plain UNCLASSIFIED B.S. - put out by Carter Baker

PROBLEMS.

HIS REGULAR PLANE HAD ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED TO A GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN TRAVELING TO LATIN AMERICA, SOURCES SAID, SO THE AIR FORCE TOLD HIM THAT A WINDOWLESS PLANE, A CONVERTED CARGO CARRIER, WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED.

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AT FIRST, HAIG REFUSED THE PLANE ALTOGETHER, THEN HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT TO LONDON IF THE AIR FORCE FERRIED OVER A JET WITH WINDOWS TO TAKE HIM ON THE NEXT LEG TO BUENOS AIRES. AT THIS POINT, THE WHITE HOUSE STEPPED IN, FORBADE ANY SUCH DOUBLE-SHUTTLE AND TOLD THE SECRETARY TO GET HIS MISSION INTO THE AIR WITHOUT DELAY.

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IN DESPERATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT CALLED REP. JIM WRIGHT OF TEXAS AND PERSUADED HIM TO YIELD THE WINDOWED PLANE RESERVED FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. BUT THAT AIRCRAFT WAS EXPERIENCING MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, SO MORE HOURS PASSED BEFORE HAIG WAS ABLE TO TAKE OFF FOR LONDON, WITH A CLEAR VIEW OF THE ATLANTIC ALL THE WAY.

4. "ISRAELI UNITS MOVE TO LEBANESE LINE," "U.S., REPORTING ACTIVITY, FEARS ATTACK MAY BE NEAR," BY HEDRICK SMITH, NEW YORK TIMES.

"WASHINGTON, APRIL 9--SENIOR REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS REPORTED TODAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN NEW ISRAELI MILITARY MOVEMENTS NEAR THE LEBANESE BORDER OVER THE LAST 72 HOURS, CAUSING GRAVE AMERICAN CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE ISRAELI ASSAULT INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES ABOUT AN ISRAELI MILITARY BUILDUP, SAID THROUGH A SPOKESMAN THAT IT WAS AWARE OF THE REPORTED MOVEMENTS AND "AN INCREASE IN TENSION IN THE LAST FEW DAYS."

"ONCE AGAIN WE RENEW OUR APPEAL TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED TO SHOW THE UTMOST RESTRAINT, ROMBERG SAID. "THIS IS A TIME FOR MAXIMUM CAUTION. WE, FOR OUR PART, THROUGH OUR CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, ARE WORKING ENERGETICALLY TO ENCOURAGE AN END TO ALL ACTIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO TENSION AND VIOLENCE."

ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THEY COULD NOT SAY AN ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST PLO BASES IN LEBANON WAS A CERTAINTY, THEY SAID REAGAN WAS BEING KEPT ABREAST OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH SPECIAL BRIEFINGS DURING HIS STAY IN BARBADOS.