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1. Falklands incident. Haig mission top play all media as radio keeps urging population to converge at 11 a.m. on Plaza de Mayo across Government House, "to show Secretary Haig Argentine people's support" for GOA action in Falklands. Privately-owned Radio Rivadavia's initiative yesterday to call rally quickly picked up by political parties, labor unions and other groups.

LA NACION front-page states: "Let no one doubt that Haig will see that the Argentine people stand vigorously united and back their government's action... US authorities

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are aware that an eventual lack of balance in the US effort would risk generating a sharp reaction against their country, with all that it implies for Argentine-US relations, which have recently been overhauled and strengthened."

2. CIARIN editorial "The Argentina Haig will see" says: "The State Secretary's mission is one of good offices. It will prosper inasmuch as he listens to both sides without prejudice and intends to lead the conflict to a desirable peaceful settlement... In Argentina, Haig will see that the people are deeply united..."

3. CONVICCIÓN editorial "Things Mr Haig should not forget" says: "We cordially and respectfully welcome the soldier and statesman... What he should note first is that Argentina, in a crucial situation where its destiny as a nation is being decided, is receiving him with true objectivity... realizing that the US, a world power, has worldwide responsibilities, especially in front of the West's ideological enemy: the totalitarian Communist venture... Argentina also realizes that Britain is one of the decisive pivots in NATO, which relies on British effectiveness and strength... US should evaluate the

(Falklands) issue in strictly geopolitical terms... the main geopolitical element is the will and the decision of a deeply united people to defend their own."

4. BUENOS AIRES HERALD editorial "A big mistake" says:
~~THE ORGANIZERS~~ "The organizers of today's rally are... playing right into British hands... the mobilizing of such a crowd is unlikely to have the desired effect on retired General Haig. Instead of being impressed by the stern resolution of Argentina's leaders, he will wonder why they felt the need to put on such a show while the British never considered it... Large-scale rallies may not always be undemocratic in essence, but in the English-speaking world at least they are regarded as proof of totalitarian intentions."

5. Major papers have terse headlines. PRENSA and CLARIN similar headlines, "Haig arrived, meets with Galtieri today." NACION, "Haig arrived last night, mission here begins."

CONVICCION back page: "Haig said this is his most difficult mission." CRONICA: "Haig received here with open hands... He said he expects to be helpful in finding a solution to the crisis." DIARIO POPULAR: "Everyone to Plaza de Mayo! To reaffirm our sovereignty."