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Judge Clark

Subject: Galtieri Call

First I think we have to recognize that one purpose of the Galtieri call may be to play Haig off against the President. Alternatively he may seek to use a little psychological warfare against Thatcher by leaking to the press that he has been in touch with the President.

We can't let this happen. It will confuse the issue and open us to the same tactic as the shuttle continues with very harmful potential.

I recommend:

1. That we not announce the Galtieri call.
2. That if Glatieri leaks it, we say that Galtieri called ~~and the President~~ (emphasis on his having placed the call) and without getting into details, was reassured of the President's wish to find a peaceful solution to the issue.
3. That if it does not leak, that no separate cable or call be made to Thatcher. That if it does leak, we send a simple cable via Cabinet line to say nothing more than we have to.
4. In any case, the first step ought to be to send Al an accurate and complete summary of the call so that he cannot be sandbagged by Galtieri saying something at variance with what was really said in the conversation.

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