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FALKLANDS: CORRESPONDENCE WITH HAIG

1. I HAVE THIS AFTERNOON RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM HAIG IN BUENOS AIRES. BEGINS:  
DEAR FRANCIS  
1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGE AND YOUR KIND WORDS OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.
2. THE ARGENTINES DELIVERED TO ME AT THE HOTEL AT 2AM THIS MORNING A REVISED TEXT RESULTING FROM YESTERDAY'S MARATHON SESSION. ALTHOUGH THEIR REVISIONS ARE STILL UNSATISFACTORY, I BELIEVE WE NOW HAVE - FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE BEGAN THIS MISSION - SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD A WORKABLE SOLUTION FOR YOU AND ARGENTINES.
3. BASED ON THIS ASSESSMENT, WE WILL REVIEW OUR DELIBERATIONS AT THE CASA ROSADA AT 2PM LOCAL - THIS GAP IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE WEARY PARTICIPANTS SOME BREAK IN THE PACE - BUT NOT TOO MUCH.
4. IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE A WORKABLE DRAFT BY THE END OF THE DAY (THE DAY NEVER ENDS IN BUENOS AIRES UNTIL THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT) OR SOMETIME TOMORROW. IN THIS EVENT, A RETURN TO LONDON MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED. IF WE RETURN, I KNOW YOU RECOGNISE THAT EXPECTATIONS WILL BE RAISED AND THE SPOTLIGHT WOULD SHIFT FROM THE CASA ROSADA TO NUMBER 10. YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCES THAT THE I WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MOVE PRECIPITIOUSLY EITHER TO LONDON OR WASHINGTON WITHOUT GIVING YOU



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AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH US. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE VOID WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE US  
MISSION IS SUSPENDED. IT WOULD BE FILLED BY UNPREDICTABLE  
FORCES.

MY WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER,  
AL.  
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