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YOUR TELNO 761: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I HAVE PASSED ON YOUR LATEST MESSAGE TO HAIG VIA EAGLEBURGER AND HAD A WORD WITH HIM TO EMPHASISE THE DANGER THAT COULD ARISE IF IT APPEARS THAT IT IS US RATHER THAN THE ARGENTINES, WHO ARE BEING PUT ON THE SPOT.

2. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT HE ENTIRELY UNDERSTOOD. HE WOULD SPEAK TO HAIG ON THE TELEPHONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. I SAID HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS EXTREMELY STRONG OPINION IN THE UK ON THIS ISSUE. WE COULD NOT BE FACED ON A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS WITH SOMETHING PUT TO US BY HAIG AS THE MAXIMUM OBTAINABLE FROM THE ARGENTINES.

4. EAGLEBURGER AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR POINT OF VIEW ON THIS.

5. I WILL TRY TO SPEAK TO CLARK LATER THIS MORNING.

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