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To: Judge Clark
From: Henry A. Kissinger

J. Sawyer
John to RP

When you called me last night you were kind enough to suggest that I might get in touch with you. I am taking advantage of this somewhat earlier than I thought I would. Today General Miret, the Plenipotentiary sent to the United Nations from Argentina called on me at his initiative. He summed up the latest Argentine proposal as follows:

1. An immediate ceasefire.
2. Mutual withdrawal of Argentine and British forces with the Argentine withdrawal to begin before the British.
3. The withdrawal to be to a distance of 150 miles by both sides.
4. The Falklands to be governed by a representative of the UN together with four nations, two each to be appointed by Argentina and Britain respectively, with the United States being one of them. These nations would also supply the garrison for the Falklands.
5. Negotiations between Britain and Argentina to take place under the aegis of these four nations.

General Miret told me informally that Argentina was prepared to let these negotiations extend through 1983. General Miret also says that this proposal has been given to Enders by the Argentine Ambassador in Washington. My

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view is this:

1. We were right to resist the use of force by Argentina to settle an outstanding dispute (though I have my questions about the tactics).

2. We do not have an equal interest in humiliating Argentina in its political objective and to bring about a cataclysmic reversal of its domestic politics and the disruption of the Inter-American system, both of which we are now in severe danger of having happen.

I think we can avoid this by bringing about decisively an end to hostilities in the nearest future. It seems to me the Argentine proposal has many of the key elements that achieve this objective, but in any event some explicit American program is needed to break the logjam before something irreversible has happened in Latin America and Argentina.

I told General Miret that I was in no position to express a view and all I could do was to make sure that his view reached the travelling party. You are, of course, free to share this with the President. Every good wish,
Henry A. Kissinger

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