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FOR: PGM/P, PGM/RC, VOA NEWS/CA

1. FLAKLANDS INCIDENT. MONDAY HEADLINES:
PRENSA, "HAIG REITERATED NO AGREEMENT REACHED. COSTA MENDEZ SAID
HAIG CARRYING 'PROPOSALS' TO LONDON AND IT'S NOT UNLIKELY THAT
HE MAY RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES." NACION, "HAIG TO MEET WITH THATCHER.
WORLDWIDE SUSPENSE GROWS IN FACE OF BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT NAVAL BLOCKADE STARTS TODAY. PREPARATIONS IN SOUTH
CONTINUE". CLARIN, "ARGENTINE FORCES FACE UP TO BLOCKADE
COSTA MDNEZ (SAYS) 'NEGOTIATION IS VERY DIFFICULT'".
DIARIO POPULAR, "VIRTUAL STATE OF WAR." CRONICA, "AMERICAS
IN RAMS AGAINST THE ENGLISH".

2. CLARIN EDITORIAL "FACING THE BLOCKADE" STATES: "HOPEFULLY
THE BRITISH NAVYMEN WILL BE MORE JUDICIOUS THAN THEIR GOVERNMENT
AND WILL PREVENT DESTRUCTION AND BLOODSHED. NOT ONLY BECAUSE
OF HEAVY COST-SMALL PROFIT CONSIDERATIONS BUT BECAUSE THE US
GOOD OFFICES ARE UNDER WAY. THE STATE SECRETARY'S MISSION
IS TRULY DIFFICULT BUT FAR FROM IMPOSSIBLE. GENERAL HAIG MAY GET
THE FORCES TO EVADE CONTACT WHILE NEW DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED
...THE UK HAS OPENED PANDORA'S BOX. THE KEY TO LOCK IT UP
AGAIN IS NEGOTIATION. MR. HAIG IS WORKING ON IT. WE WISH HIM
SUCCESS."

3. WIDE PLAY GIVEN REPORT THAT ARGENTINE RELATIONS WITH CUBA
ARE "COMPLETELY NORMALIZED" FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS,
ALSO STATEMENT BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR RAFAEL ARAGONES NAVARRO THAT
CUBAN SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINE SIDE IN FALKLANDS DISPUTE IS AS
SOLID AS EVER.
PRENSA FRONPAGES ANSA LONDON DISPATCH HEADED "UK POSITION
MAY BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE." HOWEVER, ALSO CARRIES UP/ANSA
REPORT THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM ANSWERED WITH AFIRM
'YES' WHEN ASKED IF BRITAIN INTENDS TO MAKE GOOD ITS THREAT
TO SINK ANY ARGENTINE SHIP VIOLATING THE BLOCKADE."
OTHER PRENSA STORIES: "PERU PROPOSES 72-HOUR TRUCE TO NEGOTIATE
"JEANE KIRKPATRICK OPTIMISTIC" THAT LAST-HOUR SOLUTION MAY BE
FOUND. "REAGAN WATCHING CRISIS CLSELY."

3. NACION LONDON CORRESPONDENT LUIS BELLOW SAYS BRITISH
NEWSPAPER READERS LEARNED THAT FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES IN THE
WORLD PRESS TOOK GENERAL GALTIER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS SEREIOULSY...
AND THAT SECRETARY HAIG DEPARTED FOR LONDON WITH

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MODERATE OPTMISM... PEOPLE HERE WILL RECEIVE HAIG'S PRESENCE WITH RELIEF. HIS MISSION IS PRESUMED TO HAVE HAD SOME RESULT... IT MAY ENSURE EARNEST NEGOTIATIONS".

CLARIN ANTICIPATES THAT "ARGENTINA MAY RESORT TO TIAR IF THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT FAILS TO ORDER ITS FLEET HOME BY MIDDAY... THE US ENVOY (HAIG) TRIED TO DISSUADE GOA (FROM INVOKING TIAR TO NO AVAIL." ADDS: "GALTIERI, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES ASSURED HAIG THAT IF ARGENTINA FOUND ITSELF HARD PRESSED MILITARILY, MIGHT EVEN ACCEPT OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE ALREADY MADE BY SOVIET UNION

4. NACION HAS TELAM (GOA-OPERATED NEWS AGENCY) NEW YORK STORY SAYING "US NAVAL ANALYSITS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE ACTIVITY OF SOVIET SHIPS WITH SOPHISITICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN WATERS ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA UNDER BRITISH BLOCKADE. QUOTES AN UNIDENTIFIED "RETIRED US ADMIRAL" TO THE EFFECT THAT "UNIDENTIFIED SUBS MIGHT ATTACK BRITISH SUPPLY SHIPS" AND TOUCH OFF AN ESCALATION. ALSO SAYS THAT "ARAB SOURCES IN THE UN SAID THAT LYBIA'S KHADAFFY HAS OFFERED GOA SUPERSONIC PLANES AND MISSILES... TO EVEN OUT BRITISH TECHNOLOGICAL SUPREMACY.

5. RADIO AND TV NEWS AND COMMENT DUPLICATES ABOVE MATERIAL THEREFORE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THESE REPORTS.
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