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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING FURTHER MESSAGE FROM ME TO HAIG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR FURTHER MESSAGE WHICH REACHED ME THIS MORNING. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT YOUR THINKING ON THE NEXT STEP IS CLOSE TO OURS. I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO STUDY THE TEXT WHICH YOU BROUGHT BACK FROM BUENOS AIRES, AND WE ARE DOING THIS URGENTLY. THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ALSO AGREE THAT I SHOULD COME TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE PROBLEM WITH YOU PERSONALLY. IF ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, I SHOULD LIKE TO DO THIS ON THURSDAY 22 APRIL: THIS WILL I HOPE GIVE US TIME TO LET YOU HAVE IN ADVANCE A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE POINTS ON WHICH THE CURRENT TEXT REQUIRES AMENDMENT.

I QUITE SEE YOUR POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR YOU TO PRESERVE YOUR POSITION IN BUENOS AIRES SO LONG AS YOUR PEACE-MAKING ROLE CONTINUES. I SPOKE ALONG THESE LINES YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, AND THERE MAY BE A CHANCE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO DO THE SAME WHEN SHE ANSWERS QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE TODAY. SHE MAY ALSO ANNOUNCE MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND I HOPE THAT THIS WILL CAUSE YOU NO DIFFICULTIES.

I AM JUST OFF TO BRUSSELS TO TALK TO MY COLLEAGUES IN THE TEN. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, I SHALL TAKE THE LINE THAT BY TREMENDOUS EXERTIONS YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE ARGENTINIANS SOME DISTANCE FROM THEIR STARTING POINT: THAT THE LATEST TEXT WILL NOT DO, FOR THE REASONS YOU AND I WELL UNDERSTAND: BUT THAT PROVIDED THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES ARE MAINTAINED, IN

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ADDITION TO THE MILITARY THREAT FROM THE BRITISH TASK FORCE,  
THE CHANCE OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT REMAINS.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING. ENDS.

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