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FALKLAND ISLANDS: YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. HAIG HAS NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO EXPRESS A VIEW ON THE TIMING OF YOUR TALKS BUT I WILL HEAR MORE WHEN I SEE EAGLEBURGER EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. I THINK IT LIKELY THAT HE WILL SUGGEST STARTING SOON AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY, PERHAPS CONTINUING THROUGH A WORKING LUNCH AND INTO THE AFTERNOON AS NECESSARY.

2. BECAUSE OF THESE UNCERTAINTIES I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO FIT IN OTHER ENGAGEMENTS ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON. ON THURSDAY EVENING I AM AT PRESENT COMMITTED TO ATTENDING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE SHAKESPEARE FOLGER LIBRARY. THESE INVOLVE A RECEPTION BY THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT 1700 AND A WHITE TIE DINNER STARTING AT 2000. CAP WEINBERGER IS FAIRLY HEAVILY INVOLVED SINCE HIS WIFE IS THE MAIN ORGANISER OF THE EVENING. I AM SURE THAT YOU WOULD BE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DINNER ALTHOUGH IT WOULD MAKE AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG DAY FOR YOU. YOU MIGHT PREFER TO HAVE A QUIET DINNER AT THE HOUSE. ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK IN AT THE RECEPTION WHICH THE MINISTER IS GIVING FOR THE VISITING BOW GROUP MPS THAT EVENING, YOU WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOW GROUP HAS SAID HOW MUCH HE HOPES THAT THEY CAN SEE YOU WHILE YOU ARE HERE.

3. I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH TIME YOU WILL NEED FOR HAIG ON FRIDAY. ASSUMING THAT YOU ARE HERE UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING, I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO FIT IN THE FOLLOWING:

(A) MEDIA. THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN YOUR VISIT. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO ONE OR MORE OF THE BREAKFAST TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ON FRIDAY MORNING. THESE HAVE AN AUDIENCE OF SEVERAL MILLION AND ARE THE BEST WAY OF GETTING OUR POINT OF VIEW ACROSS NATIONWIDE. IF YOU DO TELEVISION INTERVIEWS (WHICH TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 0700 AND 0800) I DOUBT IF YOU NEED HAVE A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE U.S. WRITTEN MEDIA. YOU MAY HOWEVER WISH TO FIT IN A BRIEFING FOR THE BRITISH PRESS, AROUND LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAY, IE, IN TIME FOR U K PRESS DEADLINES. YOU COULD, IF YOU WISHED, FIT IN SHORT INTERVIEWS WITH BBC AND ITN AROUND THE SAME TIME. CBS WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR THEIR 7PM NATIONAL NEWS. THEY HAVE ASKED TO DO THIS ON THURSDAY BUT, SINCE THEY WOULD FLY DOWN THEIR NEW YORK NEWS ANCHOR MAN, DAN RATHER, FOR THE INTERVIEW WE WOULD NEED TO MAKE A FIRM ARRANGEMENT WHICH AT THIS STAGE, IS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE HERE UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING, YOU MIGHT WISH TO TRY AND FIT IN THE INTERVIEW THEN. IT WOULD LAST FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES AND WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN 1630 AND 1730.

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(B) SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. I WOULD SUGGEST A MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (PERCY) AND AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE OF THE COMMITTEE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HELMS (WHO HAS COME OUT PUBLICLY ON THE SIDE OF ARGENTINA) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE EAGER TO BE HELPFUL AND COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN INFLUENCING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BRING FURTHER PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE ARGENTINIANS AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT. WE WOULD ARRANGE A MEETING LASTING ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR ~~STARTING AT~~ 10 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY MORNING.

(C) A MEETING WITH CLARK OR WEINBERGER. I COULD TRY TO GET ONE OR OTHER OF THEM FOR BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY MORNING AT AROUND 8 O'CLOCK, IE AFTER YOUR TELEVISION INTERVIEWS. CLARK IS MORE DIRECTLY ENGAGED THAN WEINBERGER ON THE FALKLANDS AND I WOULD SUGGEST TRYING FOR BREAKFAST WITH HIM ON THIS OCCASION.

(D) MEETINGS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND COMMONWEALTH AMBASSADORS. I DOUBT IF YOU WOULD HAVE TIME TO DO BOTH BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTH SEEING THE COMMONWEALTH AMBASSADORS, NOT LEAST BECAUSE THOSE OF THEM THAT REPRESENT OAS MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT, AND SO FAR HELPFUL, ROLE IN OAS DISCUSSIONS. DEPENDING ON WHAT FURTHER TALKS YOU HAVE WITH HAIG ON FRIDAY, YOU MIGHT SEE THEM OVER TEA OR AN EARLY DRINK ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

(E) ACCOMMODATION. I HOPE THAT YOU, YOUR PS, PA AND A DETECTIVE WILL STAY AT THE HOUSE. WE HAVE BOOKED A SUITE AT THE WELLINGTON HOTEL FOR FENN AND HIS PA. MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY WILL OFFER ACCOMMODATION TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

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