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 TELNO 1393 OF 21 APRIL 1982.

YOUR TELNO 788 : FALKLANDS

1. SINCE I WAS TIED UP, MINISTER DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SPEED TO EAGLEBURGER, TOGETHER WITH OUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUENOS AIRES TEXT. HE PUT ORALLY THE ADDITIONAL POINTS CONTAINED IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE.
2. EAGLEBURGER TOOK DUE NOTE OF ALL THIS AND WAS GOING TO SUBMIT THE WHOLE MESSAGE WITH THE ADDITIONAL POINTS, TO HAIG AT ONCE. HE COMMENTED THAT HAIG WOULD LIKE TO START TOMORROW MORNING WITH A MEETING TO GO OVER THE GROUND ALONE WITH YOU. (HE WOULD HAVE HAD A FURTHER SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFOREHAND). HE THOUGHT HAIG HAD IN MIND VERY MUCH THE SAME SORT OF SCENE-SETTING EXERCISE AS WE HAD SUGGESTED (PARA 2(A) OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE). EAGLEBURGER THOUGHT THIS MEETING WOULD PROBABLY LAST ABOUT AN HOUR. IF YOU WISHED NOTE-TAKERS TO BE PRESENT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT HAIG WOULD PREFER A MEETING ONE-ON-ONE.
2. WHILE YOU AND HAIG WERE TALKING EAGLEBURGER SUGGESTED THAT HE AND BULLARD SHOULD MEET. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT ALSO MAKE SENSE TO HAVE SOME PEOPLE GOING OVER OUR SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUENOS AIRES TEXT BUT THIS COULD BE DECIDED TOMORROW MORNING. EAGLEBURGER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE WHOLE PARTY CAME TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT 11.30 AS PLANNED.
3. EAGLEBURGER MADE NO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR AMENDMENTS OR ABOUT THE IDEA OF AN EVENTUAL AMERICAN GUARANTEE OF THE SECURITY OF THE ISLANDS.
4. ON THE NEED FOR MAXIMUM DISCRETION ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT USE OUR MILITARY FORCES IN THE AREA, EAGLEBURGER FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE POINT. HE WOULD ENSURE THAT HAIG WAS AWARE OF IT ALSO. BUT HE WAS AFRAID THAT IN PRACTICE IN THIS TOWN IT WAS VAIN TO HOPE THAT INTELLIGENT JOURNALISTS COULD BE RESTRAINED FROM SPECULATING EVEN IF EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO RESTRAIN THE PROFESSIONALS.

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FROM TALKING TO THEM. IN ANY CASE, IN THE PRESENT CRISIS HE THOUGHT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD WAS NOT BAD. THE PROBLEM LAY IN THE PENTAGON. HE IS QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THIS AND WE WILL TRY TO GET THE SAME MESSAGE ACROSS THERE.

5. EAGLEBURGER SAID THAT COSTA MENDEZ WAS NOT NOW EXPECTED HERE UNTIL SATURDAY.

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