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1. I DO NOT THINK THAT THE PRESENT BRIEFS QUITE FOCUS ON CERTAIN POINTS WHICH ARE NOW RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OD(SA) MEETING ON 21 APRIL AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUMMING UP OF THE DISCUSSION:

(A) IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MR PYM COULD SUGGEST TO MR HAIG A NEW PASSAGE FOR THE DRAFT AGREEMENT SETTING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN AMERICAN GUARANTEE BOTH OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD (INCLUDING THE SECURITY OF STANLEY AIR FIELD) AND THE SECURITY OF THE ISLANDS THEREAFTER. COMMENT. THESE ARE POINTS WHICH WE HAVE MADE IN TWO RECENT MESSAGES TO HAIG, THOUGH WE HAVE NOT SO FAR THOUGHT IN TERMS OF A PASSAGE ON THE SUBJECT TO GO INTO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ITSELF. IT WOULD PROBABLY SUFFICE AT THIS STAGE IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WERE TO SEEK AMERICAN VIEWS ON WHETHER THEY ARE WILLING TO GIVE A GUARANTEE AND, IF SO, HOW.

B) OTHER POSSIBILITIES WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED WITH HAIG WERE THE ALTERNATIVE OF A GUARANTEE BY THE UNITED NATIONS RATHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE THE PRESENCE OF A UNITED NATIONS FORCE. COMMENT. THIS IS SOMETHING

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ON WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME THE VIEWS OF UKMIS NEW YORK (WHOSE VIEWS IN UKMIS NEW YORK TEL NO 516 ON A UN OBSERVER FORCE WE ALREADY HAVE BUT WHOM WE HAVE NOT YET CONSULTED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A UN GUARANTEE). WE PROPOSE TO TREAT THIS BRIEFLY IN THE CONTEXT OF A PAPER ON THE MORE GENERAL POSSIBILITY OF A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CIRCULATE TO OD(SA) ON 23 APRIL.

C) THE POSSIBILITY OF A TEST OF LOCAL OPINION BEFORE THE END OF 1982 UNDER AMERICAN OR UNITED STATES AUSPICES. COMMENT. UKMIS NEW YORK MAY CARE TO COMMENT AND YOU MAY LIKE TO FLOAT THE IDEA WITH THE AMERICANS, THOUGH THE MAIN DIFFICULTY MAY BE GETTING ARGENTINA TO AGREE TO ANY TEST OF OPINION RATHER THAN UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES IT SHOULD BE DONE.

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