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FALKLANDS: AN ALTERNATIVE BASIS FOR MR HAIG'S NEGOTIATIONS (126)

I feel that the proposal in Mr Giffard's minute with the above title of 23 April would probably be easier for the Argentines to accept at this stage than that put forward by Mr Mallaby in his earlier minute of the same title, with the gloss on it from Mr Fearn. The trouble about "lease back" is that it involves a total departure by the Argentines or some "burglar reward". It would also be difficult for the Argentines to accept a referendum without built-in arrangements for them to be able to exercise persuasion on the Islander population.

2. It would be bad presentationally for the Argentines to refuse a conference. They might however try to persuade Mr Haig that the date of 31 December 1982 should be written into Mr Giffard's formula.

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