UN CLASSIFI E CWG21 9 25/1845 115B1 344 2 5 TO MODUK UNCLASSIFIED FM WASHING TON 251725Z APR 82 TO PRIORIT Y F C O TELEG RAM NUMBER 1446 OF 25 APRIL 19 82 INFO UKMIS NEW YORK AND BI S NEW YORK. FALKLANDS: U.S. PRESS. 1. THE NEW YORK TIMES LEADS WITH AN ARTICLE BY LES LIE GELB SUGG ESTING THAT A FAILURE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS SOON IN HAIGIS NEGOTIATI NG EFFORTS COUL D BE EXPECTED T O RESULT IN U. S. SUPPORT FOR BRITAIN. OFFICI AL SOURCES ARE Q UOTED AS INDI CATING THAT THIS WAS THE CONSEN SUS IN THE WHIT E HOUSE AS WEL L AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT THE PRESID ENT HAD MADE NO FORMAL DECIS ION AND HAD NOT SET ANY TIME LI MIT ON THE NE GOTIATIONS, THE SUPPORT WOULD I NCLUDE THE UNITE D STATES JOIN ING IN AN EMBAR GO ON ARGENTINE GOODS BUT NOT THE USE OF U.S. FORCES. THERE IS, GELB SUGGEST S, A BELIEF THA T FURTHER STAL EMATE WOULD BE COSTLY FOR THE U NITED STATES IN BRITAIN W THOU T GAINING ANYTH ING IN ARGENTINA . THE DAYS OF B EING ABLE TO G O ON PLAYING THE MIDDLE-MAN MAY THEREFORE BE N UMBERED. ATTIT UDES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION T OWARDS THE ARGE NTINE REGIME A RE SAID TO HAVE SOURED AFTER HA IG IS MISSIONS TO BUENOS AIRES, WITH SOME MEMB ERS OF HIS PARTY CONCLUDING THAT THE JUNTA WER E A !! BUNCH OF THUGS! !. 2. IN A SEPARATE RE PORT HAIG IS QU OTED AS BEING CO NVINCED THAT W E ARE PREPARED TO USE FORCE. CO STA MENDEZ IS EX PECTED TO BE ACCOMPANIED ON H IS VISIT HERE BY MILITARY OFFICE RS WITH LINKS
TO THE JUNTA, H AIG IS PUTTING F ORWARD I IBRIDGIN G!! IDEAS BETWE EN
THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINE P OSITIONS, HE BEL IEVES AN ATTACK ON
SOUTH GEORGIA WOULD NOT NE CESSARILY MEAN THE END OF HIS DI PLOMATIC
EFFOR TS, WITH THE FIR ST SHOTS BOTH SI DES MIGHT WANT H IS
MEDIATION E VEN MORE TO KEEP THE FIGHTING FR OM SPREADING. IN HIS
TALKS HAIG IS CONTINUING TO FIND THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN ADVANCE THAT A NY NEGOTIATIONS W ILL RATIFY ARGEN TIME SOVEREIGNTY WITH OUR DETER MINATION TO ENSU RE THAT THE VIEWS OF THE ISLANDER S ARE TAKEN IN TO ACCOUNT. THE T WO SIDES AGREE N EVERTHELESS ON T HE BASIC FRAMEW ORK OF AN AGREEM ENT - THE WITHDR AWAL OF ARGENTINE

FORCES, AN INTER IM ADMINISTRATIO N AND NEGOTIATION S ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE 1 SLANDS.

3. OT HER REPORTS CONCE NTRATE ON THE SEV ERE MILITARY OBS TACLES THE TASK FORCE WILL FAGE. IT IS CONSIDERED LIKELY TO BE AB LE TO RETAKE SOUTH GEORGIA WITH OUT EXCESSIVE DIFFICULTY. THE AR GENTINES ARE THO UGHT LIKELY TO KE EP THE IR SURFACE VESSELS UNDER AIR COVER NEAR THEIR OWN COAST. A RGENTINE AIR POW ER, HOWEVER, WILL POSE MAJOR PRO BLEMS. TO ATTEMPT A LANDING ON THE HEAVILY DEFENDED MAIN ISLANDS IS THOUGHT TO BE WELL NIGHT IMPOSSIBLE IN THE SHORT TERM. THE TIMES AND THE POST CONCLUDE THAT, IF NEGOTIATING EFFOR TS FAIL, THE TASK FORCE COULD BE IN FOR A LONG D. RAWN OUT BLOCKADE.

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