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DIPLOMATIC PROPOSALS: MILITARY IMPLICATIONS

Cabinet this morning considered the proposals in FCO TEL 1599 of 5th May (copy attached). There was discussion of the time required to effect a cease-fire in view of the position of the special forces and of SSNs. The message at Annex B was passed to the Secretary of State in Cabinet, based on information obtained directly by the Secretary of State from CINCFLEET.

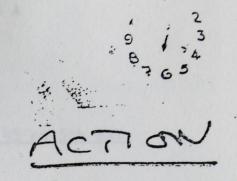
- The Foreign Secretary has been asked to consider further the timetable, and in particular to consider a proposal from the Secretary of State that a cease-fire should only come into effect once documents had been signed by both parties and exchanged, and thus allowing 48 hours from the signing.
- 3. Please keep in very close touch with the FCO and arrange for the Chiefs of Staff to be briefed as necessary.

5th May 1982

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INFO IMMEDIATE (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADORS) UKMIS NEW YORK, LIMA

MY FIRST IPT: FALKLANDS

- 1. IF HAIG'S NEW POINTS CAN BE FOUND ACCEPTABLE IN LONDON, THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROCEDURE THAT HAIG HOPES CAN BE FOLLOWED:
- (1) THAT LONDON SHOULD REPLY TO THIS EFFECT BY NOON WASHINGTON TIME TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 5 MAY.
- (11) THE U S A WOULD THEN TRANSMIT THE TEXT TO LIMA AND REQUEST THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY NOON WASHINGTON TIME THURSDAY 6 MAY (LIMA WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE ARGENTINIANS BEFORE GIVING THEIR ACCEPTANCE).
- (111) THE U S A AND PERUVIAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD THEN, AT NOON ON 6 MAY, TRANSMIT THE TEXTS TO THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENTS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THEM WITHIN 48 HOURS.
- (IV) THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD IMMEDIATELY SAY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED THESE PROPOSALS, THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERING THEM AND THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED READINESS TO GIVE ORDERS FOR A CEASEFIRE TO COME INTO EFFECT AT NOON ON FRIDAY 7 MAY, PROVIDED THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION AND HAD NOTIFIED WASHINGTON AND LIMA IN DUE TIME OF ITS READINESS TO DO SO.
- (V) AT NOON ON 7 MAY THE CEASEFIRE WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON BOTH SIDES.
- (VI) BY NOON ON 8 MAY BOTH PARTIES WOULD HAVE REPLIED ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS. IF EITHER PARTY FAILED TO DO SO, THE OTHER WOULD BE FREE TO REVERT TO EARLIER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.



MESSAGE FROM C IN C FLEET, 11.45 am 5th MAY

There are 11 Special Forces patrols on the Islands. They are not in continuous or-even daily radio contact. Some are a long way from their insertion (and extraction) points.

They would have to be brought out at night. To have a reasonable chance of withdrawing them on <u>Thursday</u> night (i.e. before the Friday noon deadline) the order to pull back must go out as soon as possible, certainly tonight. Even then, <u>no guarantee</u> that they can all be contacted and get to their extraction points. We need more than 24 hours.

The <u>submarines</u> are not a critical factor - their warning time can be reduced to 9 hours.