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Thank you for your minute reporting Sir Nicholas Henderson's telephone call at 3.30. He 'phoned again at 5.20 asking to speak to the Secretary of State who was not available. Main points of the message were as follows:

- i. Haig thought that our proposed reply to de Cuellar was very good and that we should get it out in public as soon as possible;
- ii. the sooner we were able to explain publicly how fair our position was the better;
- iii. Haig was not sure how the idea of giving publicity to our reply to de Cuellar would fit with his earlier discussion with Mr Pym, in which they had talked about our giving publicity to the Peruvian proposals (I inferred, though Sir Nicholas did not confirm, that the Americans might prefer us to give publicity to our reply to de Cuellar than to the Peruvian proposals as such); but
- iv. if we were to say that our response to the US/ Peruvian proposals had been similar to our reply to de Cuellar, the United States would confirm this.

Sir N Henderson added that he had seen the instructions which Haig had sent to the US Delegation to the United Nations and that they were very firm. Haig had also told him that the Peruvians had approached the Canadians and asked them to join the contact group and that he (Haig) was going to 'phone the Canadians to recommend that they check the Argentinian position before embarking on this course. Haig's general view remained that the Argentines were just playing games. As far as the Americans knew Costa Mendez had not yet left Buenos Aires.

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