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FALKLANDS: STATEMENTS BY IRISH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION
PARTIES

1. STATEMENTS WERE MADE IN THE DAIL ON 11 MAY BY MR HAUGHEY
AND LEADERS OF THE TWO MAIN OPPOSITION PARTIES (FULL TEXTS
BY BAG TO F C O ONLY). EXTRACTS FROM MR HAUGHEY'S STATEMENT IN
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2. THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT MADE NO NEW POINTS AND CONCENTRATED
ON JUSTIFYING RECENT IRISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY.

3. DR FITZGERALD (FINE GAEL) AND MR O'LEARY (LABOUR) BOTH
DWELT ON HOW ILL-CONSIDERED AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE THE GOVERNMENT'S
ACTIONS HAD BEEN, ECHOING A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ARTICLES IN THE PRESS.
DR FITZGERALD SAID THE EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT BLUNDERS WAS
"TO HELP THE BRITISH TO GET TEMPORARILY OFF THE HOOK ON THE
ISSUE OF AVOIDANCE OF FURTHER VIOLENCE AND SEEKING A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT ... WHILE ... ALIENATING BRITISH OPINION TO A
QUITE UNNECESSARY DEGREE." HE CONCLUDED THAT IRELAND SHOULD USE
HER INFLUENCE JOINTLY WITH LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES IN THE
COMMUNITY AND AT THE U N "TO PERSUADE THE PROTAGONISTS TO
NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT TO A DISPUTE WHICH IS BASED ON ISSUES
OF PRIDE AND FEAR OF LOSS OF FACE, ISSUES WHICH SHOULD NEVER
BE ALLOWED TO BE THE OCCASION FOR LOSS OF LIFE." THE OPPOSITION
PARTIES, THEREFORE , DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THE AIMS OF MR
HAUGHEY'S APPROACH, ONLY WITH THE INCOMPETENCE WITH
WHICH THEY HAD BEEN PURSUED. THERE WAS NO SUBSEQUENT DEBATE ON
THE STATEMENTS.

4. IN HIS STATEMENT MR HAUGHEY ALSO QUOTED IN FULL THE
PRESS GUIDELINES AGREED FOR USE BY M TINDEMANS AFTER THE WEEKEND
MEETING. SOME MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICE HAVE CLAIMED THAT ONE
SENTENCE IN THESE - "THUS IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD
THAT THESE MEASURES ARE INTENDED TO REINFORCE POLITICAL AND
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO THIS END AND NOT A MILITARY SOLUTION
TO THE CONFLICT"- WAS INCLUDED AT IRISH INSISTENCE AND THAT
THIS SHOWS IRISH VIEWS HAD CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT.

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5. MR HAUGHEY'S STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BEFORE HE HAD SEEN THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO E C COLLEAGUES (YOUR TELNOS 122 AND 123 TO ATHENS, NOT TO ALL) WHICH WE DELIVERED TO HIS OFFICE AS HE WAS STARTING TO SPEAK. WE SHALL BE TAKING FURTHER ACTION TOMORROW TO BRING HOME TO THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HOW THIS STATEMENT, LIKE EARLIER ONES, MISREPRESENTS BRITISH POLICY AND ACTIONS AND MISINTERPRETS SCR 502: AND HOW IRISH ACTIONS ARE NOT HELPING ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

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M I P T: IRISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON FALKLANDS

1. THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS GIVE THE MAIN POINTS FROM MR HAUGHEY'S
 STATEMENT IN THE DAIL ON 11 MAY:

BEGINS

" THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAVE FROM THE OUTSET REGARDED THE ARMED
 INTERVENTION BY ARGENTINA IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AS CONTRARY
 TO THE RULE OF LAW "...

" WE HAVE DELIBERATELY REFRAINED IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FROM
 TAKING A POSITION ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED. TERRITORIAL RIGHTS
 CANNOT BE EXERCISED REGARDLESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND BEFORE
 ANY PEOPLE ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER
 GOVERNMENT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE GUARANTEES AND ASSURANCES
 OF THEIR IDENTITY, THEIR RIGHTS AND OF FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT.
 IN ANY CASE THE OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT IS NOT THE TIME TO ADJUDGE
 CONFLICTING CLAIMS OR TO TAKE SIDES"...

" THE PREAMBLE TO RESOLUTION 502 SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE CALL
 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO BOTH THE BRITISH AND
 ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE OR THREAT OF
 FORCE IN THE REGION OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS "...

" FAR FROM THERE BEING ANYTHING IN THE RESOLUTION AUTHORISING
 EITHER SIDE TO SEND TROOPS OR REINFORCEMENTS TO THE
 AREA BOTH SIDES WERE ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE OR THREAT
 OF FORCE AND TO CEASE HOSTILITIES IMMEDIATELY"...

" BY TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK HOWEVER, (1 E 4 MAY) THERE WERE
 INDICATIONS THAT DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE WAS SIMPLY
 VIEWED AS COMPLEMENTARY TO MILITARY ACTION. THERE WERE CONCURRENT
 INDICATIONS THAT NEITHER PARTY WAS PARTICULARLY OPEN TO
 IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THROUGH THE
 SECURITY GENERAL OR OTHERWISE" ...

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" SHOULD THERE BE ANY INTENSIFICATION OF THE CONFLICT, WE ARE
READY TO REACTIVATE OUR CALL FOR A FORMAL MEETING OF THE
SECURGDYZHGLCZ VHQOULD THIS APPEAR TO BE NECESSARY. OUR
PARAMOUNT CONCERN WILL BE TO STOP THE FIGHTING "...

" WE INTEND TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF EUROPEAN UNITY
AND SOLIDARITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE HAVE SOUGHT
NOT TO ACT UNILATERALLY. IT WOULD HELP UNITY AND SOLIDARITY
HOWEVER, IF THE COMMUNITY AND ALL ITS INSTITUTIONS WERE MORE
CONSCIOUS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF COMMUNITY ACTION IMPOSED
BY THE TRUE NATURE AND THE IDEALS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY
HAS NO ROLE IN THE MILITARY SPHERE, AND IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR
EUROPEAN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY, IF IT WERE NOT SEEN TO TAKE
ACTIONS SUPPORTIVE OF OR COMPLEMENTARY TO MILITARY ACTION,
WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE DIVISION. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
SHOULD CHERISH ITS REPUTATION AS A PEACEFUL INTERMEDIARY."

" IT IS OF IMPORTANCE THAT I MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NOT
ACTED IN ANY SPIRIT OF ANIMOSITY TOWARDS OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBOUR
BUT RATHER IN A DESIRE TO HELP"...

" WE APPEAL TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO DRAW BACK FROM CONFLICT
AND TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS. THE OBJECT OF THE DISPUTE DOES NOT
MERIT THE LOSS OF LIFE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT AN ACCOMMODATION AND
A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN BOTH SIDES IS POSSIBLE,
GIVEN PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE AND WISDOM. OTHERWISE THE
ENSUING CONFLICT COULD BRING ABOUT A WIDER WAR AND EVEN
THEN THE UNDERLYING ISSUE WOULD STILL REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED"...

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