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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FROM PS FOR PUS AND PRIVATE SECRETARY

MY TELNO 125: FALKLAND ISLANDS: SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH HAIG

1. SECRETARY OF STATE HAD A SHORT FURTHER MEETING WITH HAIG STRICTLY TETE A TETE AT 15.15 GMT. HE PASSED TO HIM IN CONFIDENCE A COPY OF THE DRAFT INTERIM AGREEMENT AND EMPHASISED THE NEED TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF A LEAK: FOR THAT REASON SIR N HENDERSON WOULD ONLY GIVE AN ORAL BRIEFING TO EAGLEBURGER AT THIS STAGE. HAIG TOOK THE POINT AND WILL KEEP THE TEXT TO HIMSELF FOR THE MOMENT.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPLAINED THE BASIS ON WHICH THE TEXT WOULD BE HANDED TO DE CUELLAR LATER TODAY AND WENT ON TO IMPRESS ON HAIG THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHE TO U S PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRANGEMENTS ENVISAGED IN ARTICLES 4 AND 6(4). HAIG UNDERTOOK TO REFLECT ON WHAT COULD BE DONE. THE U S WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ACTION ALONE BUT OTHERS MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO JOIN IN.

3. HAIG OFFERED LITTLE BY WAY OF GENERAL REACTION. HE SAID THAT HE COULD SEE WHERE THE DIFFICULTIES WOULD ARISE, THOUGH HE THOUGHT THAT THE TEXT WAS FAIR. HE OFFERED NO VIEW ON ITS CHANCES OF ACCEPTANCE. HE IMPLIED THAT IF IT WERE NOT ACCEPTED AND WE "DID A GOOD JOB" HE WOULD HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THAT. BUT THERE WOULD BE LONGER TERM PROBLEMS THEREAFTER WHICH WOULD REQUIRE INGENUITY TO SOLVE.

THOMAS