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FALKLANDS: U S ASSISTANCE.

1. THE LOS ANGELES TIMES YESTERDAY AND THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY REPORT THAT U.S. 9 - L SIDE-WINDER MISSILES ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO US FOR USE AGAINST THE ARGENTINIAN AIR FORCE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS LEAK IN THE MIDST OF A VERY DIFFICULT MEETING OF THE OAS. WE ARE CONTINUING TO REFUSE TO COMMENT ON THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE MATERIAL WE ARE PURCHASING FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ARE CONTINUING TO REFER IN GENERAL TERMS TO HAIG'S STATEMENT OF U S WILLINGNESS TO AFFORD MATERIAL SUPPORT.

2. IN A SPEECH IN BALTIMORE YESTERDAY WEINBERGER SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE TO ARGENTINA, THOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE COMPLETE PROOF.

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