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TELEGRAM NUMBER 006 OF 05 JUNE 1982
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, (PERSONAL FOR
AMBASSADORS)

FALKLANDS: PRIME MINISTERS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
REAGAN ON 04 JUNE.

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR P U S AND PRIVATE SECRETARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER HAD AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES TALK ALONE WITH REAGAN FROM 1510 TO 1620. SUMMARY IN M I F T SHOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT PERSONAL COPIES ARE SENT TO MEMBERS OF ODSA AND SIR M PALLISER.
2. SECRETARY OF STATE WENT OVER THE GROUND IN PARALLEL WITH HAIG, ALSO ALONE, AND BRIEFED HIM ON OUR POSITION. WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED HAIG'S ASSURANCE THAT THE U S DELEGATION IN NEW YORK HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE WITH US. FOLLOWING ARE OTHER MAIN POINTS MADE BY HAIG:
 1. HE THOUGHT THAT GALTIERI WOULD CONTINUE HOSTILITIES FROM THE MAINLAND AFTER DEFEAT ON THE ISLANDS. HE WOULD SEE THIS AS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP HIS JOB. HAIG WAS INCLINED TO DOUBT WHETHER THE ARGENTINE WISH TO SEE THE PRISONERS RETURNED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SECURE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, THOUGH A TRUCE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
 11. HE ACCEPTED THAT IS WAS DIFFICULT TO THINK IN ANY DETAIL ABOUT THE FUTURE WITHOUT KNOWING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH REPOSSESSION WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. HE EMPHASISED HOWEVER THAT THERE WERE THINGS WHICH IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE DID NOT (NOT) SAY: IN PARTICULAR, TALK OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE

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ISLANDS (AS OPPOSED TO SELF GOVERNMENT) WOULD BE UNHELPFUL, AS WOULD ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE WERE NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE OR THAT WE HAD RULED OUT FOR EVER WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY. WE SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO AVOID GIVING PLAUSIBILITY TO ARGENTINE CLAIMS ABOUT COLONIALISM.

III. MORE GENERALLY, HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECT ON U S RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA.

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