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1. Mr Haig rang the Secretary of State a third time at 10, Downing Street at 0115 hours this morning.
2. He said that the Argentinian President had refused to receive President Reagan's call. The message that President Reagan would have passed orally was, however, being sent to Buenos Aires by flash telegram and would be delivered to the Argentinians within the hour. Meanwhile the Argentinian Ambassador in Washington was being summoned and Mr Haig was trying to reach Senor Costa Mendez on the telephone. The Vatican were also trying to get a message to the Argentinian President.
3. Lord Carrington said that he had new information that the Argentinians were likely to attempt landing on South Georgia today, soon after their planned landing on the Falklands. This and the situation in the Security Council would make it necessary to place the Royal Navy on alert; the British public would not understand if this was not done. Mr Haig expressed understanding. He said that there would be no repetition on the part of Washington of the experience over the Belize crisis a few years back.

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