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 SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
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*Prime Minister*  
*this is the follow up to Washington*  
*Tel 1664 which I sent to you*  
*earlier today.*

*Mr Logan*  
*Duty Clerk*  
*7/4*

FALKLANDS

1. HAIG TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT BE TOO UPSET BY THE PRESIDENT'S UNPREPARED COMMENT ON OUR DECISION ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY TO BLOCKADE ARGENTINIAN FORCES UP TO TWELVE MILES FROM THE COASTLINE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN FOREWARNED OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT. BUT HAIG COULD ASSURE ME THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO CRITICISE US EVEN BY IMPLICATION. HAIG SAID THAT HE HIMSELF HAD UNDERSTOOD ENTIRELY WHAT WE HAD BEEN DOING. I EXPLAINED THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING. HAIG WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN TALKING TO CHEYSSON WHO, AS I WOULD KNOW, WAS IN CLOSE COHORTS WITH GENSCHER, BUT WHO WAS A DIFFERENT MAN. HAIG HAD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A UNITED FRONT. THERE MUST BE NO WEAKENING AT THIS STAGE. CHEYSSON TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM FOR THE ITALIANS BUT APPEARED TO HAIG TO BE PERFECTLY SOUND HIMSELF. HAIG HAD EMPHASISED TO HIM AS HE HAD

TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM FOR THE ITALIANS BUT APPEARED TO HAIG TO BE PERFECTLY SOUND HIMSELF. HAIG HAD EMPHASISED TO HIM AS HE HAD DONE TO OTHERS THE IMPORTANCE OF SEPARATING CEASEFIRE FROM WITHDRAWAL.

3. HAIG GAVE AN EXCELLENT BRIEFING YESTERDAY TO U.S. PRESS AND TELEVISION WHICH IS WELL REFLECTED IN TODAY'S PRESS.

4. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF DEPLORING TO HAIG THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF 2 MAY TO FELLOW AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. IN PARTICULAR I SINGLED OUT THE REFERENCE TO THE U S A 'S QUOTE MORAL LINKS UNQUOTE WITH ARGENTINA, THE CONDEMNATION OF EUROPEAN COLONISATION IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE, AND THE UNDERSTANDING EXPRESSED FOR ARGENTINA'S COMMITMENT TO THE ISLANDS AND THEIR FRUSTRATIONS QUOTE OVER FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE. THERE WAS NOT A WORD CONDEMNING ARGENTINA'S USE OF FORCE OR DISREGARD OF SELF DETERMINATION. I SAID THAT I WAS SURE THAT HAIG COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE SEEN THE MESSAGE IN DRAFT. FROM HIS RESPONSE I THINK THAT HE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN AWARE OF IT BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO TAKE THE WHITE HOUSE ON JUST AT THAT MOMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR ANXIETY TO SHOW QUOTE BALANCE UNQUOTE AFTER LAST WEEK'S DECISION BY THE U S A TO COME DOWN ON THE BRITISH SIDE. AS YOU KNOW, SOME REGIONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE NOURISH A FOND BELIEF IN THE REALITY AND BENEFITS OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY, AND THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RECOGNISING THE UNFAILING PROPENSITY OF LATINOS TO CRITICISE THE U S A WHATEVER WASHINGTON DOES.

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