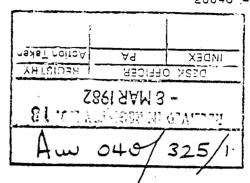
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INFO ROUTINE BUENOS AIRES, PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR) INFO SAVING UKMIS NEW YORK.

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MY TELNO 415: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I AM ANXIOUS TO DO ALL WE CAN TO ENGAGE AMERICAN SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. PLEASE THEREFORE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO HAIG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (YOU SHOULD TRY TO ENSURE THAT HAIG SEES THIS AT THE SAME TIME AS MY REPLY ON THE CARIBBEN BASIN, BEING TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY).
BEGINS

'RICHARD LUCE HAS TOLD ME OF THE VERY HELPFUL MEETING HE HAD WITH TOM ENDERS IN WASHINGTON ON 1 MARCH ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH THE ARGENTINES ABOUT THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE OVER THESE ISLANDS, AND WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WHICH RESPECTS THE INTERESTS AND WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS THEMSELVES.

BUT WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE, IN PARTICILAR ABOUT THE THREATS WHICH RECUR IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS (APPARENTLY WITH SOME MEASURE OF GOVERNMENT INSPIRATION) TO USE FORCE IF THE NEGOTIATIONS DO NOT SOON REACH A CONCLUSION ON ARGENTINE TERMS.

YOU WILL REALISE THAT IT IS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US
TO NEGOTIATE AGAINST SUCH A BACKGROUND, SO ANYTHING THAT TOM
ENDERS CAN DO WHILE IN BUENOS AIRES TO BRING THE ARGENTINES
TO A MORE REASONABLE AND PACIFIC FRAME OF MIND WILL BE MUCH
APPRECIATED BY US. IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST THAT THIS ISSUE
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP INTO A DANGEROUS SOURCE OF
TENSION IN THE REGION. I HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP IN

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ENSURING THAT THIS ISSUE IS SETTLED PEACEFULLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEMOCRATICALLY-EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS.

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