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Mr Haig telephoned again at 1410 on 13 April. He said that the US delegation had now produced some ideas which he would like to share with the Secretary of State and perhaps one or two colleagues. He then proposed to leave for the airport to go to Washington. He suggested that the Secretary of State should come to see him in the hotel since this would be the best way of avoiding too high a profile. Mr Haig said that he intended to make a statement at the airport which would say that he remained in touch with both sides, who were considering some further ideas. He was therefore taking the opportunity to return to Washington to consult with President Reagan. Mr Haig thought this was sufficiently up-beat to create the desired impression that a dialogue was continuing. He would not say where the ideas now under consideration had come from or go into details about what the difficulties were.

Mr Haig added that the Argentines were now terrified. The climate was right for progress.

The Secretary of State said that if his presence at the hotel was noticed by the press, he would take the line that he was simply seeing off Mr Haig.

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