

MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDER HAIG TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Prime Minister

I have just received your message and am grateful for your quick response. In light of your reply I shall tomorrow float my ideas to Foreign Minister Costa Mendez in precisely the form given to Francis. I will tell the Foreign Minister that HMG received the same ideas and is now considering them but I do not know whether they prove acceptable to the British Cabinet. I will add that from a US point of view, what we have presented to both parties is a delicately balanced and reasonable proposal which we see no reason further to amend. We will await the Argentine reply. As soon as it is received we will be in touch with Francis. Depending on the Argentine reply and the ultimate decision of HMG on the ideas they have presented we here in Washington will then examine what appropriate next steps we might take. Once again I very much appreciate your prompt reaction. Let us all hope that the Argentine Government will react positively to this final effort to avoid bloodshed.

With warm regards

ALEXANDER HAIG

Haig plans to meet Costa Mendez in Washington at about 1500 hours (1900Z) 25 April.

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