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TELEGRAM NUMBER 31 OF 27 APRIL.

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FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY.

U.S. EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR HAIG AT 270215Z

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WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR SUCCESS ON SOUTH GEORGIA MAY NOW GIVE US GREATER REASON TO HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINES WILL REGARD THE PRESENTLY DRAFTED FRAMEWORK AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO FURTHER ARMED CONFLICT. IF THIS HOPE IS NOT MISPLACED, WE MAY HAVE AN EXTREMELY CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY -- PERHAPS THE LAST -- BEFORE AN ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING TAKES PLACE AND THE SCENARIO CHANGES IN A WAY WHICH PLUNGES ARGENTINA AND BRITAIN INTO AN ARMED CONFLICT WHICH - WHATEVER ITS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME - WILL CREATE LONG-TERM INSTABILITY, INSECURITY AND HOSTILITY. AS NICKO HAS NO DOUBT TOLD YOU, WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE ARGENTINES THAT I

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