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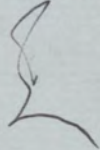
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*Dear John,*

We have been considering what we might say in public if it becomes clear that Haig's proposals have failed, and have reached the stage reflected in the attached draft. It has occurred to us that, with very little adaptation, this might replace paragraph 2 of the draft 'recent developments' section of the Prime Minister's speech which we sent across to you yesterday.

*Yours ever,*  


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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT IF HAIG'S PROPOSALS FAIL

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CAVEAT.....

1. On 27 April, Mr Haig put to Argentina draft proposals which resulted from his discussions during his long mission. It represented what he considered reasonable to put formally and with the full authority of the US Government to Argentina. It was right that these proposals should be addressed to Argentina, ~~since the onus is on them to comply with the~~ Security Council resolution 502. The text was also given to us.

2. As Mr Haig knew from his talks with us, the draft contained a number of elements which we were inclined to consider satisfactory, but also, as the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary have made clear, other elements which presented us with real difficulty, particularly as regards the provisions for self determination.

3. We told Mr Haig that we first needed to know Argentina's decision about this draft. If Argentina accepted the draft, and the central requirement of Argentine withdrawal together with adequate arrangements for the security of the Islands and an interim administration was thus agreed, HMG and the House would

*Which initiated the crisis and is still in breach of*

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want to consider the matter extremely carefully.

4. Argentina has however so far made no clear response to Mr Haig in spite of the latter's insistence on a very quick reply.

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