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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 4-8-02 (HOLMES, H.A.)  
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER), PBOR, MILI, FK, UK, AR  
SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS SITUATION REPORT NO. 13  
AS OF 0800 EST APRIL 8

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY STOESSEL/TODEP 1004

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. US EFFORTS. AS THE SECRETARY FLEW TO LONDON, UK FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM COMMENTED THAT THE HAIG MISSION COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION "WHICH IS WHAT WE WANT". HOWEVER, ON ABC THIS MORNING, DEFENSE SECRETARY NOTT SAID THE SECRETARY IS NOT VISITING LONDON AS A MEDIATOR. THE UK IS "NOT NEGOTIATING", HE ADDED, AND HAS NO PROPOSALS TO MAKE TO THE SECRETARY. FOR HIS PART ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ TERMED THE MISSION "GOOD NEWS", ADDING HIS HOPE THAT "SOMEHOW WE ARE GOING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT".
3. FALKLAND EXCLUSION ZONE: ARGENTINA DENOUNCED THE UK ANNOUNCEMENT AS A "PSYCHOLOGICAL MOVE". FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ SAID IN WASHINGTON, "IF ATTACKED, WE WILL DEFEND OURSELVES". ARGENTINA ORDERED A PARTIAL CALL-UP OF MILITARY RESERVISTS AND CREATED A SPECIAL SOUTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMAND TO DEFEND "NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AROUND THE FALKLANDS. THE UK NAVAL QUARANTINE TO GO INTO EFFECT 11:00 P.M. EST SUNDAY EFFECTIVELY CUT TO 4 DAYS THE PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE A POSSIBLE UK-ARGENTINE MILITARY CONFRONTATION. THE LABOR PARTY HAS PUBLICLY BACKED THE THATCHER GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO IMPOSE A NAVAL QUARANTINE.
4. OAS TO MEET: AT COLOMBIA'S REQUEST, A SPECIL MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL WAS CALLED FOR APRIL-8 TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY COSTA RICA AND ECUADOR OFFERING OAS GOOD OFFICES TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. TO AVOID COMPLICATING-SECRETARY HAIG'S EFFORTS, WE ARE SEEKING TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION REFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY AN OAS WORKING-GROUP THAT WOULD MEET APRIL 12.
5. EC SUPPORT FOR UK: ON APRIL 7 FRANCE, BELGIUM AND SWITZERLAND JOINED WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND THE NETHERLANDS IN HALTING THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO ARGENTINA. THE UK YESTERDAY ASKED OTHER COUNTRIES TO DISCOURAGE THEIR BANKS FROM GRANTING NEW LOANS TO ARGENTINA.  
EAGLEBURGER  
END OF MESSAGE

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