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SUBJECT: NEED FOR URGENT ANALYSIS

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2. THE SECRETARY HAS CONCLUDED, AT THE END OF OUR TALKS THIS EVENING IN LONDON, THAT IT IS CLEAR WE NEED TO PROVIDE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM AND DEFENSE MINISTER NOTT A POWERFUL, STRONG ANALYSIS OF THE FULL RANGE OF CONSEQUENCES TO OUR SHARED INTERESTS, IF FALKLANDS DISPUTE IS NOT RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND PROMPTLY. SECRETARY WANTS THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE IN MIND AN ANALYSIS OF THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL, STRATEGIC, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DANGERS TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE WEST.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR SMALLER AND LARGER MEETINGS, WE DID NOT SENSE THAT THE BRITISH HAD SUFFICIENTLY THOUGHT THROUGH THAT AN ARGENTINE-BRITISH MILITARY CONFLICT MIGHT LEAD TO THE CEMENTING OF A SOVIET-ARGENTINE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. WE HOPE THAT THIS ANALYSIS WILL HELP THE BRITISH FOCUS ON SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS THEY EVALUATE

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EACH STEP THEY TAKE -- AND MOST ESPECIALLY ON WHAT MUST BE DONE IF ARMED CONFLICT IS TO BE AVOIDED. THEY ALSO NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT THEY NOW ENJOY COULD RAPIDLY EVAPORATE IF THERE IS A DIPLOMATIC FAILURE.

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4. WE NEED THIS ANALYSIS BY COB FRIDAY, REPEATED INFO TO LONDON AND TO BUENOS AIRES. HAIG

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