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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 2341

INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE 4664
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,2 3/30/12 (SCANLAN, JOHN D.)

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO LORD CARRINGTON

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PLEASE CONVEY IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE SECRETARY TO LORD CARRINGTON.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PETER,

I KNOW THAT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
ISSUES YOU RAISED WITH US AS FOREIGN SECRETARY. THE
SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ON SOUTH
GEORGIA ISLAND IS INDEED SERIOUS, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ASSIST IN ITS
RESOLUTION. I AM INSTRUCTING OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

AIRES TO CONVEY MY CONCERN TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN
MINISTER AND TO URGE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT TAKE NO STEPS
WHICH WOULD AGGRAVATE THE PRESENT CRISIS. FURTHERMORE,
I AM URGING THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO ABIDE BY
EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING
REGULARIZING THE STATUS OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS ON SOUTH

GEORGIA ISLAND.

WE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF INFLUENCING
ARGENTINE BEHAVIOR IF WE APPEAR TO THEM NOT TO FAVOR ONE
SIDE OR THE OTHER. WE WILL CONTINUE QUIETLY TO TRY AND
MOVE THE ARGENTINES AWAY FROM TAKING FURTHER STEPS WHICH
WOULD MAKE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT TO
ACHIEVE. I BELIEVE THAT YOU KNOW TOM HAYWARD, OUR
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. HE ARRIVES IN BUENOS AIRES

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ON MARCH 31 ON A LONG-STANDING INVITATION, AND WILL DO
WHAT HE CAN TO BE HELPFUL.

LET ME KNOW, PETER, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE
MIGHT HELP DEFUSE THE IMMEDIATE CRISIS THROUGH THE USE
OF OUR GOOD OFFICES.

I ADMIRE YOUR PATIENCE IN THIS SITUATION.

SINCERELY,

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END TEXT.

4. INSTRUCTION TO AMBASSADOR SCHLAUDEMANN IN BUENOS
AIRES SENT SEPTEL. HAIG

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