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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MR HAIG'S TECHNICAL STOP IN DAKAR

1. ON HIS WAY FROM LONDON TO BUENOS AIRES MR HAIG HAD ONE HOUR'S TALK AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ON APRIL 9.

2. MY US COLLEAGUE TOLD ME MR HAIG HAD NOT SOUNDED VERY OPTIMISTIC ON THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF HIS IMMEDIATE MISSION. CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED THAT IF ARGENTINA WAS BACKED INTO A CORNER, IT WOULD BE FORCED TO GO TO THE SOVIET UNION AS ITS ONLY LOGICAL SOURCE OF RE-SUPPLY: THIS WOULD SPREAD SOVIET INFLUENCE IN A REGION WHERE NO ONE WANTED IT. I SAID PRESIDENT GALTIERI SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT LAST WEEK.

3. MR HAIG'S PLANE WAS PARKED NEXT TO TWO RAF C130'S STAGING TO ASCENSION, WHICH LED TO SOME HASTY RE-ARRANGEMENT BY THE AMERICANS OF THE BACK DROP FOR THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

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