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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 4/8/2002 (SHLAUDEMAN, HARRY W.) OR-A  
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1. SECRET-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I WILL PASS ALONG THE MESSAGE TO GALTIERI.
3. NEGOTIATIONS: UNDER SECRETARY ROS CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE HARSH STATEMENTS COMING OUT OF LONDON AND SAID THESE WOULD MAKE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT. WITH RESPECT TO THE BRITISH POSITION THAT THERE CAN BE NO MEDIATION OR NEGOTIATION UNTIL THE ARGENTINES WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLANDS, ROS SAID IT WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE TO TALK OF ACCOMPLISHING THE TWO PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNSC RESOLUTION "SIMULTANEOUSLY," I.E., THE ARGENTINES TO WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY FORCES AND THE BRITISH TO TURN THEIR FLEET BACK AT THE SAME

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TIME. ROS SAID THIS WAS STRICTLY A PERSONAL REFLECTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WANTS AND HAS ALWAYS WANTED A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

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4. THE PROBLEM IS THAT ROS AND COSTA MENDEZ DO NOT SPEAK FOR THE NAVY. WE ARE GETTING ULTRA-TOUGH SOUNDS OUT OF THAT QUARTER, INCLUDING STATEMENTS THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD NOT COME HERE BECAUSE ALL HE WILL BE DOING IS CARRYING THE CAMPAIGN OF PRESSURE AND DISINFORMATION THE NAVY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, ADMIRAL GIRLING, HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AGAINST US FROM THE OUTSET. BUT FEELINGS ARE RUNNING HIGH IN THE NAVY. ONE BITTER COMPLAINT FOR THE MARINE BRANCH OF THAT SERVICE IS THAT THE COMMANDOS FAILED TO VE COMPLETE SURPRISE AND THUS TOOK CASUALTIES IN THEIR MALVINAS LANDING BECAUSE WE HAD GIVEN THE BRITISH ADVANCE INTELLIGENCE OBTAINED BY "SATELLITE." OUR CURRENT IMPRESSION IS THAT THE OTHER TWO SERVICES ARE MORE FLEXIBLE.

5. IN THE EVENT THERE IS ANYTHING MORE TO CONVEY, I AM SEEING COSTA MENDEZ AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S STAY HERE. SHLAUDEMAM

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