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SUBJECT: TALKS WITH THATCHER ON FALKLANDS

1. I ASSUME THAT YOU AND THE JUDGE WILL HAVE SEEN THE SECRETARYS UNVARNISHED REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON HIS PROTRACTED DISCUSSIONS WITH MRS. THAHCHER AND HER COLLEAGUES LAST EVENING (SECHM 5010). YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT HIS VIEWS VERY ACCURATELY SUMMARIZE THE MOOD AND MIND-SET OF HMG AT THIS CRITICAL POINT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CAPER AND DELINEATE OUR RATHER LIMITED ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON THE BUENOS AIRES LSG (WHITHER WE ARE NOW BOUND). I BELIEVE THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT REPORT SHOULD BE SHARED WITH ROGER FONTUINE AND DENNIS BLAIR, SINCE IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONDITION OUR NEXT IMMEDIATE

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STEPS. HOWEVER THE PRESENT SITUATION TURNS OUT, IT WILL CLEARLY BE A "CLOSE-RUN THING"- IN FACT MRS. THATCHER HERSELF MAY HAVE RECOGNIZED WHEN SHE POINTEDLY SHOWED US PORTRAITS IN NUMBER 10 NOT ONLY OF NELSON BUT ALSO WELLINGTON. REGARDS. JIM RENTSCHLER HAIG