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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, SENHOR JOÃO BAPTISTA FIGUEIREDO
TO THE RT HON. MRS MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND

"I am most grateful to Your Excellency for your
kind telegram of yesterday's date, May 11th.

It is encouraging to have a reaffirmation of the
endeavour of the British Government to find a negotiated solution
for the question.

Bearing in mind, however, the growing military
activity in the South Atlantic, which increases the risks of an
armed confrontation of serious proportions, I wish to reiterate
to Your Excellency the concern of my country, its Government and
public opinion, that such risks might mar the diplomatic efforts
now being made by the Secretary General of the United Nations,
Mr Perez de Cuellar. Such occurrence, as Your Excellency can
well imagine, could have serious and deep repercussions both in
the American Continental picture as well as in the world.

I trust, therefore, that the parties to the
question, in no moment should fail to adopt a flexible and
constructive attitude within the present negotiations in the
United Nations, and I once again reaffirm the wishes of my
country for a successful end for such efforts in the shortest
possible period of time.

With my highest consideration."

London, May 12th, 1982.