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10 MY TELNO 119: FALKLANDS: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

11 1. Please now deliver following reply to President Turbay's

12 letter from the Prime Minister:

13 BEGINS

14 I ~~am~~, share the concern expressed in Your Excellency's  
15 letter of 2 June at the prospect of further bloodshed in the  
16 Falkland Islands. We have no wish to add to the tragic  
17 loss of life which both Britain and Argentina have already  
18 suffered in this conflict. If any means could be found to  
19 persuade the Argentine Government to withdraw their forces,  
20 as demanded by the United Nations Security Council as far  
21 back as 3 April, further conflict could be avoided.

/// 22 ~~Despite Argentina's persistent refusal over more than nine~~

// 23 ~~weeks to comply with this Resolution, I still hope that it~~

/ 24 ~~may not be too late for them to agree to take this step and~~

25 ~~to end their aggression.~~

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As I told the House of Commons yesterday, <sup>formed</sup> ~~of~~ Argentinian withdrawal is now to be linked unequivocally to a ceasefire, we will make arrangements on the spot which allow the Argentinian



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2 I warmly reaffirm the importance which we attach to our  
 3 relations with the countries of Latin America. We are  
 4 proud of Britain's historical record in supporting the  
 5 efforts of those countries in first establishing their  
 6 independence, and then in assisting the development of the  
 7 rich economic potential with which so many Latin American  
 8 states are endowed. I believe that most governments in  
 9 South and Central America appreciate that it is this same  
 10 devotion to the cause of freedom which leads us now to  
 11 insist on the withdrawal of Argentine forces, so as to  
 12 enable the Falkland Islanders to choose their own way of  
 13 life.

14 I ~~am grateful for the moderate stance~~ <sup>appreciate the concern</sup> that you and your  
 15 Government have ~~adopted~~ <sup>shown</sup> throughout this crisis. I have  
 16 given particularly careful attention to the thoughts in  
 17 your letter, inspired as it is by sentiments of friendship  
 18 and humanitarian concern. But it was Argentine aggression  
 19 which provoked the fighting and it is for the Argentines  
 20 to leave the Islands in order to stop the fighting. I have  
 21 ~~made it clear publicly that the moment they announce they~~ <sup>made clear that</sup>  
 22 ~~are prepared to go we shall do everything possible to~~  
 23 ~~assist them to do so with safety and in good order.~~ <sup>assist them to do so with safety and in good order</sup> We  
 24 ~~cannot do more.~~

25 ENDS

26 2. If the Colombians wish to publish this exchange, as they  
 27 did the previous one, we have no objection.

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