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SUBJECT: TIMES REPORT ON MRS KIRKPATRICK'S COMMENTS ON  
'FACE THE NATION'.

FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF TIMES APRIL 14 INSIDE PAGE  
REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT NICHOLAS ASHPORD HEADED  
'QUOTES FROM KIRKPATRICK'  
BEGIN TEXT:

"ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE AMERICAN  
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STANCE IN THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE, PARTICULARLY ITS SUPPORT FOR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, MRS JEANE KIRKPATRICK, THE CONTROVERSIAL UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS RAISED HACKLES BOTH AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON (NICHOLAS ASHPORD WRITES).

MRS KIRKPATRICK INITIALLY OFFENDED BRITISH SENSIBILITIES BY ATTENDING A DINNER GIVEN IN HER HONOUR BY THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON A FEW HOURS AFTER THE INVASION OF THE FALKLANDS. OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ALSO ATTENDED.

THE BRITISH MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THIS AT THE TIME BECAUSE IT WAS FELT IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO REMAIN ON GOOD TERMS WITH ARGENTINA FOR THE SAKE OF FUTURE MEDIATION EFFORTS.

LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, SIR NICHOLAS HENDERSON, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, CRITICIZED HER ATTENDANCE AT THE DINNER, SAYING THAT IT WAS THE SAME AS IF HE HAD ATTENDED A DINNER AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY THE DAY THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE SEIZED.

SIR NICHOLAS'S CRITICISM WAS REJECTED BY MRS KIRKPATRICK DURING AN INTERVIEW ON THE CBS FACE THE NATION PROGRAMME. "IT WAS AN UTTERLY FALSE ANALOGY," SHE DECLARED, POINTING OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS HAD NEVER BEEN SETTLED. "IT IS NOT AS THOUGH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD ATTACKED THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND SEIZED THE INHABITANTS AS PRISONERS."

ASKED ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE BY ARGENTINA TO TAKE THE ISLANDS, SHE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR ON THIS ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. BUT SHE ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO WANTED TO "RETAIN OUR HISTORIC POSITION THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING SIDES ON THIS QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY ON THESE ISLANDS."

ELABORATING ON THE SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION SHE SAID: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER TAKEN A POSITION ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OWNERSHIP OF THAT DISPUTED TERRITORY. AGAIN AND AGAIN WE HAVE DECLINED TO TAKE A POSITION ON THAT.

"WE HAVE ALWAYS DECLINED. WE DECLINED TO TAKE A POSITION ON ALMOST ALL THE TERRITORIAL DISPUTES IN LATIN AMERICA."

MRS KIRKPATRICK WAS THEN ASKED WHETHER HER ACTION COULD BE CONSTRUED AS FAVOURING ARMED AGGRESSION BY ARGENTINA. SHE REPLIED: "NO. BECAUSE IN THE UNITED NATIONS WE WERE MAKING PERFECTLY CLEAR BY OUR VOTE AND OUR CONDUCT THERE THAT WE OPPOSED

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THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTION.

"NOW, LOON, ONE HAS TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS, I THINK," SHE WENT ON. "ARMED AGGRESSION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN A CLEAR-CUT WAY AGAINST TERRITORY ON WHICH THERE WAS CLEAR-CUT OWNERSHIP.

"THE ARGENTINES, OF COURSE, HAVE CLAIMED FOR TWO HUNDREDS YEARS THAT THEY OWN THOSE ISLANDS. AND THE BRITISH HAVE CLAIMED THAT THEY OWN THOSE ISLANDS. NOW, IF THE ARGENTINES OWN THE ISLANDS, THEN MOVING TROOPS INTO THEM IS NOT ARMED AGGRESSION."

ASKED WHETHER THIS EXPLANATION WAS NOT SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED BY NAZY GERMANY WHEN IT MOVED INTO THE SUDENTENLAND, SHE REPLIED: "WE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN ARMED MILITARY ACTION (BY ARGENTINA) OF WHICH WE DISAPPROVED. WE MADE THAT CLEAR. WE CALLED ON THE ARGENTINES TO END THAT ACTION."

SHE REPEATED THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT HAVE A POSITION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ISLANDS." END. ITEM. USICA LONDON UNQUOTE EAGLEBURGER

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