

AN OUTCOME WHICH WOULD CREATE AN ENDLESS VENDETTA BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA. HE URGED PEREZ DE CUELLAR NOT TO THROW HIS HAND IN TODAY, HINTING THAT THIS MIGHT SPOIL AN ACT WHICH THE AMERICANS WERE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. OWEN WENT OVER MUCH OF THIS GROUND WITH ME AT LUNCH. HE REITERATED THAT HE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AND FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE MUST GET THE ARGENTINES OFF THE ISLANDS. HE SEEMED TO KNOW A FAIR AMOUNT ABOUT HAIG'S IDEAS AS SET OUT IN WASHINGTON TELNOS 1961-1964. (HE IS STAYING WITH VANCE AND MAY HAVE GOT HOLD OF THIS INFORMATION THROUGH HIS AMERICAN CONTACTS). I WAS VERY CAGEY. HE WAS ANXIOUS LEST A BRITISH VETO OF A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION WOULD WRECK EFFECTIVE AMERICAN ACTION. I SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT.

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TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

TELNO 485 OF 31 MAY

FOR INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

YOUR TELNO 894: FALKLANDS/SECRETARY GENERAL

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR, WHICH HE MAY PUBLISH IF HE WISHES.

BEGINS.

I AM SENDING YOU THIS MESSAGE IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION YOU PUT TO SIR A PARSONS ON 26 MAY. YOU ASKED WHAT TERMS FOR A CEASEFIRE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED CONSTRUCTIVELY AND ACTIVELY IN SEVERAL MAJOR EFFORTS TO SECURE A RESOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CRISIS, MOST RECENTLY THAT WHICH YOU YOURSELF SO ENERGETICALLY CONDUCTED, AND WE SHOULD GREATLY WELCOME IT IF A CEASEFIRE COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT. OUR ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THAT A CEASEFIRE MUST BE INSEPARABLY LINKED TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AND TO THE COMPLETION OF THE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN A FIXED PERIOD. IN TAKING THIS POSITION, WE BASE OURSELVES SQUARELY ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, A MANDATORY RESOLUTION WHICH DEMANDED IMMEDIATE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND WHICH HAS NOW BEEN REAFFIRMED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ITS RESOLUTION 505. WHILE WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER IN THE LONGER TERM THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ISLANDERS THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OUR

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Prime Minister

ODSA decided not to publish the earlier reply to the Secretary-General. But he wanted a reply to be published. He has therefore authorized the revised version.

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AGREEING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH FORCES IN PARALLEL TO ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. YOU HAVE CONVEYED TO US THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE QUESTION YOU PUT TO THEM IN PARALLEL ON 26 MAY. THEIR REPLY SEEKS TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. OUR POSITION REMAINS AS SET OUT ABOVE. IT IS GREATLY TO BE REGRETTED THAT ARGENTINA HAS STILL NOT SEEN FIT TO AGREE TO THE UNCONDITIONAL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER. SUCH A CHANGE OF POSITION ON THE PART OF ARGENTINA WOULD TRANSFORM THE SITUATION. ENDS.

2. I RECOGNISE THAT YOU WILL NOW FACE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE COUNCIL IN WHICH YOU MAY WELL BE ISOLATED OR NEARLY SO. BUT TO HAVE GOT THIS FAR IS A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT, FOR WHICH WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

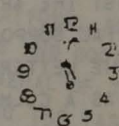
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1. TEXT OF RESOLUTION APPROVED TODAY, 29 APRIL, IS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

WHEREAS:

RESOLUTION I OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ADOPTED ON APRIL 28, 1982, DECIDED QUOTE TO KEEP THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OPEN, ESPECIALLY TO OVERSEE FAITHFUL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL MEASURES AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE PEACE AND SETTLE THE CONFLICT BY PEACEFUL MEANS UNQUOTE:

THAT RESOLUTION URGED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM QUOTE IMMEDIATELY TO CEASE THE HOSTILITIES IT IS CARRYING ON WITHIN THE SECURITY REGION DEFINED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, AND ALSO TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT THAT MAY AFFECT INTER-AMERICAN PEACE AND SECURITY, UNQUOTE AND URGED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA QUOTE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION THAT MAY EXACERBATE THE SITUATION UNQUOTE:

THE SAME RESOLUTION URGED THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC QUOTE TO CALL A TRUCE THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME AND PROCEED NORMALLY WITH THE NEGOTIATION AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS UNQUOTE:

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC INFORMED THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION OF ITS FULL ADHERENCE TO RESOLUTION I AND ACTED CONSISTENTLY THERE WITH, THE BRITISH FORCES PROCEEDED TO CARRY OUT SERIOUS AND REPEATED ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IN THE ZONE OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS, WITHIN THE SECURITY REGION DEFINED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH MEANS THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS IGNORED THE APPEAL MADE TO