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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 113/82**

MY TELNO 21 (NOT TO ALL) AND YOUR TELNO 43: MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT GUZMAN

- 1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT GUZMAN.
- 2. BEGINS:

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I APPRECIATE YOUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. IT IS A CONCERN WHICH I FULLY SHARE. THE TRAGIC CONFLICT WHICH HAS DEVELOPED HAS NOT BEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S SEEKING. OVER THE SEVEN WEEKS SINCE ARGENTINA LAUNCHED ITS UNPROVOKED AND UNLAWFUL AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SMALL AND PEACEFUL POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE SOUGHT URGENTLY, AND WITH OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND FLEXIBILITY, TO REACH A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, BASED ON THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER - PRINCIPLES TO WHICH ALL DEMOCRATIC NATIONS MUST ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. THE ROAD TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION HAS REGRETTABLY BEEN BLOCKED BY ARGENTINA. ARGENTINA HAS SHOWN NO READINESS TO COMPLY WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S MANDATORY RESOLUTION 502 AND TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES: INSTEAD IT HAS SOUGHT ONLY TO CONSOLIDATE ITS AGGRESSION AND TO PREVARICATE IN NEGOTIATION. THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS THROUGHOUT MADE CLEAR ITS DETERMINATION TO BRING TO BEAR ALL NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PRESSURES ON ARGENTINA SO AS TO BRING TO AN END ITS OCCUPATION. WE HAVE AT EVERY STAGE STATED OUR POSITION WITH CLARITY: AND, USING OUR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, HAVE CONFINED OURSELVES TO USING ONLY WHAT FORCE PROVED NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND TO

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PROTECT OUR TASK FORCE.

3. IT IS STILL OPEN TO ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED INTERNATIONAL WILL AND TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, BRINGING TO AN END THE PRESENT DANGEROUS CONFLICT. I HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY CAN DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO PERSUADE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OF THIS. YOU WOULD BE MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. ENDS

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