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TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 68 OF 13 APRIL  
AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON  
FALKLANDS: YOUR TELNO 87

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO, IN REPLY TO HIS MESSAGE CONTAINED IN TUR. BEGINS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 10 APRIL APPEALING TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER TO HELP. WE WANT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PURSUE THIS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

\* HOWEVER IT WAS NOT BRITAIN WHO BROKE THE PEACE, BUT ARGENTINA, WITH ITS UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THE FIRST REQUIREMENT FOR ANY SOLUTION IS THAT THE ARGENTINE FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THEIR DEPENDENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO 502 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. I HOPE YOU WILL USE YOUR INFLUENCE WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE NEED TO FULFIL THEIR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS IN THIS RESPECT. ENDS.

2. PLEASE TELEGRAPH WHEN MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED. WE INTEND THEN TO RELEASE IT TO THE PRESS.

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 YOUR TELNO 66

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1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT 5.00PM (132000Z) TODAY. SR GUERREIRO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT BY 6.00 PM.
2. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS THEN.
3. SEE MIFT.

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Dear John,

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You will have seen the messages addressed by the President of Brazil to the Prime Minister and, in markedly warmer terms, to the President of Argentina, copies of which I enclose. I enclose a suggested draft reply, which I have not yet had time to show to Mr Pym. As the Brazilian message was released to the press after delivery, it would seem appropriate for us to do the same.

Yours ever  
 J E Holmes  
 (J E Holmes)  
 Private Secretary

Private Secretary  
 PS/Mr Daisley

A J Coles Esq  
 10 Downing St

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PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO

1. ATTACHED IS THE TEXT (TOGETHER WITH A PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION) OF THE REPLY FROM THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, TO PRESIDENT JOAO FIGUEIREDO, WHICH WAS HANDED YESTERDAY BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER GUERREIRO.

THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER IN A PRESS REPORT, PUBLISHED IN A BRASILIA NEWSPAPER TODAY, TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS MESSAGE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A THREAT, VEILED OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST BRAZILIAN INTERESTS. IN HER MESSAGE, MRS THATCHER DOES NO MORE THAN RESPOND TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO'S OFFER OF HELP, WHICH IN THE BRITISH VIEW COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY BE MATERIALISED BY EXHORTING THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION AND WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (THE MALVINAS). THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT, BRAZIL'S INDEPENDENT POINT OF VIEW AND HER COMMITMENT TO PEACE, WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE A POSITIVE ELEMENT IN ACHIEVING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE. MEANWHILE, BRITAIN CONTINUES TO ATTACH A VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO THE MAINTAINING AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF HER EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL IN ALL FIELDS: SHE HAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS DESIRE IS FULLY RECIPROCATED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT.

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FROM FCO  
 TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA  
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 67 OF 13 APRIL 1982  
 FOR INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK  
 YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 94 FALKLANDS: PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO'S  
 MESSAGE

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1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE USEFUL ANALYSIS OF BRAZILIAN MOTIVES IN THE PRESENT DISPUTE AND OF THE BASIS FOR THEIR LEANING TOWARDS ARGENTINA CONTAINED IN YOUR TEL UNDER REFERENCE.
  2. WE AGREE WITH YOUR JUDGEMENT THAT WE CANNOT ENDORSE ANY SUGGESTED ROLE FOR BRAZIL IN A MEDIATION EXERCISE: AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SPECULATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF MR HAIG'S MISSION ENDING IN FAILURE.
  3. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION ONLY A DRAFT REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIRDO HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO 10 DOWNING STREET, WITH A PROPOSAL THAT IT SHOULD BE SENT TO YOU. IT WILL BE TELEGRAPHED AS SOON AS IT IS APPROVED.
  4. IN THE MEANTIME IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO COMMENT, YOU MAY SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.
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FALKLANDS: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

1. THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR GUERREIRO, IS REPORTED IN TODAY'S PRESS AS HAVING SAID TO JOURNALISTS AT BRASILIA AIRPORT LAST NIGHT, THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE UP THE SUGGESTION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO THAT BRAZIL SHOULD USE HER INFLUENCE WITH ARGENTINA TO OBTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502. THE BRAZILIAN POSITION WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. DR GUERREIRO ALSO SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE TERMS OF THE NOTE 'NORMAL', THUS DISMISSING PRESS SPECULATION THAT IT HAD BEEN THOUGHT 'TOUGH'.

2. THE BRAZILIAN MFA IS ALSO REPORTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO REPLY OFFICIALLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE.

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