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TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 093 OF 30 APRIL 1982
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR UNNUMBERED TELEGRAM OF 272045Z: BRAZILIAN MESSAGE ON FALKLANDS

1. PLEASE THANK BAENA SOARES FOR THE MESSAGE FROM THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN SO DOING.
2. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REMAIN DETERMINED TO PURSUE ANY OPENING FOR THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THEIR APPROACH TO THE CRISIS, AS SET OUT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MYSELF IN PARLIAMENT. WE HAVE COOPERATED FULLY WITH THE EFFORTS OF MR HAIG. ANY SETTLEMENT MUST BE ON THE BASIS OF THE MANDATORY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 WHICH CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES. MEANWHILE, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FIND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINES. THE CHOICE OF WHETHER THEY GIVE UP PEACEFULLY WHAT THEY HAVE UNLAWFULLY SEIZED, OR WHETHER OTHER MEANS MUST BE USED, IS ENTIRELY THEIRS.
3. YOU WERE RIGHT NOT TO ADD TO THE SPECULATION ABOUT AN IMMINENT INVASION. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE IS BOTH AN INDICATION OF OUR SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE AND OF OUR DESIRE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES. IT IS IN NO WAY INCONSISTENT WITH OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

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