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I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THE ATTACK ON HMS SHEFFIELD.

THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE WHICH HAS OCCURRED ON BOTH SIDES MAKES IT ALL THE MORE URGENT TO FIND A BASIS FOR ENDING THE PRESENT CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. THIS HAS THROUGHOUT BEEN OUR OBJECTIVE: AND IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN EXTREMELY DISHEARTENING THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAVE REJECTED BOTH THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD EARLIER BY MR HAIG AND THE SUBSEQUENT PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BASED ON THE HELPFUL INITIA-TIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF PERU. WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY PURSUING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS WHICH HE HAS MADE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POSITIVE RESPONSE REFLECTS OUR WISH TO SEE AN EARLY CEASEFIRE LINKED TO THE PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES AS CALLED FOR IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 502. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPOND EQUALLY POSITIVELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, SO THAT CONFLICT CAN END, FORCES CAN BE WITHDRAWN, AND GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE FALKLANDS ISSUE CAN GET UNDER WAY. BUT IF THEY DO NOT SO RESPOND, THEY SHOULD BE IN NO DOUBT OF OUR RESOLVE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE FOR OUR PART WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT DISPUTE.

WITH THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

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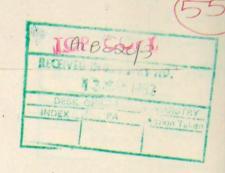
MARGARET THATCHER ENDS.

2. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE HAND OVER THE TEXT OF MY STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE ON 7 MAY (MY TELNO 362) WHEN DELIVERING THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY.

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YOUR TELNO 107: PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO

1. I HANDED THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO IN YOUR TUR (RECEIVED HERE AT 111241Z) TO THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AT 4.30 P.M. TODAY. BAENA SOARES UNDERTOOK TO TELEGRAPH IT AT ONCE TO THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THERE THIS EVENING TO BEGIN HIS ABBREVIATED OFFICIAL VISIT.

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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

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Thank you for your letter of 10 May.

The Prime Minister is content that the proposed message to President Figueiredo should be despatched.

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Dear John,

President Figueiredo of Brazil has sent a message to the Prime Minister expressing sympathy for the casualties resulting from the attack on HMS Sheffield. We know that President Figueiredo has also sent a message to the Argentine Government following the sinking of the Belgrano. But it will nonetheless be helpful to send a fairly full reply to President Figueiredo, which would provide an opportunity to set out the positive efforts which we are making to secure a peacful solution to the present crisis. Although the position of the Brazilian Government inevitably tilts towards Argentina, it has sought throughout the crisis to maintain a reasonable balance and Brazil's influence on Argentina could yet be valuable. We therefore need to ensure that our relations with the Brazilian Government are kept in as good order as possible.

I enclose a draft telegram to our Embassy in Brazilia which contains a message from the Prime Minister to President Figueiredo.

(J E Holmes)-Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq 10 Downing Street

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	14	message of sympathy on the casualties resulting from the attack on HMS Sheffield.						
	15	of my statement to the House on 7 May toy telmo 3021 when						
	17	The tragic loss of life which has occurred on both sides makes it all the more urgent to find a basis for ending the						
	18	present conflict in the South Atlantic. This has throughout						
	19	been our objective; and it has therefore been extremely						
	20	disheartening that the Argentine Government have rejected both						
	21	proposals put forward earlier by Mr Haig and the subsequent						
111	22	proposals for an interim agreement based on the helpful initia-						
11	23	tive of the President of Peru. We are now actively pursuing with						
1	24	the Secretary-General of the United Nations the constructive						
	25	suggestions which he has made. The British Government's						
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Classification and Caveats Page RESTRICTED 2 1 <<<< 2 positive response reflects our wish to see an early ceasefire 3 linked to the prompt withdrawal of Argentine forces as called for 4 in Security Council Resolution Number 502. It is our hope that 5 the Argentine Government will respond equally positively to the 6 Secretary-General, so that conflict can end, forces can be 7 withdrawn, and genuine negotiations to resolve the Falklands issue can get under way. But if then do not so respond, they 8 Your Excellency may be assured that we for our part will 9 10 spare no effort to achieve a peaceful negotiated solution to the 11 present dispute. 12 With the assurances of my highest consideration 13 Margaret Thatcher 14 Ends. 15 4. If you have not already done so, please hand over the text 16 of my statement to the House on 7 May (my telno 362) when 17 delivering the Prime Minister's reply. 18 19 PYM 20 NNNN 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 111 31 11 32 33 34 NNNN ends Catchword BLANK telegram