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TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 107 OF 11 MAY,

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MY TELNO 100: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO BEGINS.

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 INITIATIVE 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ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPOND EQUALLY POSITIVELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, SO THAT CONFLICT CAN END, FORCES CAN BE WITHDRAWN, AND GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE FALKLANDS ISSUE CAN GET UNDER WAY.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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see John.

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

Thank you for your letter of 10 May.

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

you see
John Cole.

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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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 peaceful 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 Brasilia which contains a message from the Prime Minister to President Figueiredo.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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11 *1/* PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
12 PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO. *Begins*
13 *1.* I am most grateful to Your Excellency for your thoughtful
14 message of sympathy on the casualties resulting from the attack
15 on HMS Sheffield.
16 *2.* The tragic loss of life which has occurred on both sides
17 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 *the*
21 proposals put forward earlier by Mr Haig and the subsequent
/// 22 proposals for an interim agreement based on the helpful initia-
// 23 tive of the President of Peru. We are now actively pursuing with
/ 24 the Secretary-General of the United Nations the constructive
25 suggestions which he has made. The British Government's

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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
 8 issue can get under way. *But if they do not so respond, they*
 9 *should be in no doubt of our resolve.*

10 3. Your Excellency may be assured that we for our part will
 11 spare no effort to achieve a peaceful negotiated solution to the
 12 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.

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