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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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DESKBY 022245Z  
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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 99 OF 2 APRIL  
AND TO CERTAIN OTHER POSTS (DESKBY)  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED. BEGINS:

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, FOLLOWING THEIR REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES WILL I FEAR HAVE THE GRAVEST CONSEQUENCES. I AM SENDING THIS BRIEF MESSAGE TO YOU AND ALL OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT IN GIVING THE STRONGEST AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION TO ACTIONS WHICH ARE DESTRUCTIVE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE REJECTION OF COERCION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLICY WHICH WE HAVE ALL SUPPORTED FOR SO MANY YEARS AND TO WHICH COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF COMMONWEALTH PRINCIPLES WHEN THEY MET IN SINGAPORE IN JANUARY 1971. ENDS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STIMULATE CONDEMNATION OF THE ARGENTINE ACTION AND STATEMENTS PRESSING FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL, DRAWING ON OUR STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE IS APPLICABLE.

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