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BBC OVERSEAS SERVICE. MESSAGE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.

1. I HAVE RECORDED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR USE ON THE BBC
OVERSEAS SERVICE **CALLING THE FALKLANDS** FOR BROADCAST AT 2210 GMT
ON 4 APRIL.

BEGINS.

I AM TAKING THIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO ALL THE BRITISH
PEOPLE OF THE FALKLANDS, AND TO SEND THEM A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM US IN BRITAIN.

BOTH HOUSES OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT TODAY UNITED IN CONDEMNING
THIS UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ITS DEPENDENCIES REMAIN BRITISH TERRITORY,
INHABITED BY BRITISH PEOPLE. IT IS OUR FIRM OBJECTIVE TO ENSURE
THAT THEY ARE FREED FROM ALIEN OCCUPATION.

LET ME READ YOU WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID YESTERDAY TO THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS

THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, LIKE THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN,
ARE AN ISLAND RACE. THEY ARE FEW IN NUMBER. BUT EVEN SMALL
COMMUNITIES, IN REMOTE PARTS OF THE WORLD HAVE THE RIGHT TO
LIVE IN PEACE, TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE, AND TO DETERMINE
THEIR OWN ALLEGIANCE.

THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS IS BRITISH. THEIR
ALLEGIANCE IS TO THE CROWN.

IT IS THE WISH OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE AND THE DUTY OF HER
MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO UPHOLD THAT
RIGHT. THAT WILL BE OUR HOPE AND OUR ENDEAVOUR IN THE DAYS
AHEAD.

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