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The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 7 April enclosing a message from President Alhaji Shehu Shagari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria.

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His Excellency Alhaji Shehu Awak



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SUBJECT.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NIGERIA

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7th April, 1982.

The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP.,
Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
LONDON

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T64B/82

Dear Prime Minister,

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off.*

I have been asked by my President Alhaji Shehu Shagari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria to transmit the following message to your goodself. Message begins:

"I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 3RD APRIL CONCERNING THE INVASION AND MILITARY TAKEOVER OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY ARGENTINA. AS YOU KNOW, MY ADMINISTRATION AND PREVIOUS NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALWAYS ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS RESOLUTIONS WHICH AIM AT THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CRISIS. WE ARE ISSUING A PUBLIC STATEMENT TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND IN IT WE APPEAL TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS."

Message ends.

(Shehu Awak)
High Commissioner.



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PRIME MINISTER,
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(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
NIGERIA.