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DEAR SIR.

RESIDENT CLERK

1. WHEN THE CONSUL INTERVIEWED THE FOUR BSCUKCS WHO HAD LEFT THE FALKLANDS (MY TELNO &4), HE WAS TOLD THAT A COPY OF A LETTER SIGNED BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENT IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT AND ADDRESSED TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD BEEN SMUGGLED OUT HIDDEN IN MRS FELTON'S BRASSIERE. THIS COPY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE BRITISH DAILY MAIL CORRESPONDENT HERE BUT ON MRS FELTON'S LEAVING THE EMBASSY THE CORRESPONDENT RETURNED THIS COPY TO HER. SHE THEN HANDED THE COPY TO THE CONSUL. THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE ORIGINAL IS UNKNOWN. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WHICH IS DATED 6 APRIL, PORT STANLEY: BEGINS

ON BEHALF OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, WE. THE UNDERSIGNED CIVIL SERVANTS AND ADMINISTRATORS, REQUEST THAT A PROTECTING POWER BE APPOINTED TO HELP TO ARRANGE THE TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THESE

REQUEST THAT A PROTECTING POWER BE APPOINTED TO HELP TO ARRANGE THE TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THESE ISLANDS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION. WE FURTHER REQUEST THE IMMEDIATE DISPATCH TO PORT STANLEY OF AN CESERVER FROM THAT POWER. ENDS 2. AMONGST OTHERS THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, THE GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER, THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, THE HARBOURMASTER, THE MASTER FORRESTER AND THE MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT. 3. THE COPY WE RECEIVED IS BEING FORWARDED BY BAG. HUTCHINSON NNNN