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13 April, 1982

The Prime Minister has approved the draft message to the President of Brazil which you enclosed with your letter of 13 April.

J Holmes, Esq Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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020 0 Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH Agree to this reply.

A. J. C. 13/4. 13 April 1982 Dear John, You will have seen the messages addressed by the President of Brazil to the Prime Minister and, in markedly warmer terms, to the President of Argentina, copies of which I enclose. I enclose a suggested draft 11 reply, which I have not yet had time to show to Mr Pym. As the Brazilian message was released to the press after delivery, it would seem appropriate for us to do the same. Your ever (J E Nolmes) Private Secretary A J Coles Esq 10 Downing St

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