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13 April, 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS: PERUVIAN PROPOSAL

As I told you on the telephone earlier today, the Prime Minister agrees that a message should be sent to the Peruvian Government in accordance with the draft text enclosed with your letter of 13 April.

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13 April 1982

Dear John,

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Prime Minister
Agree to this reply?

A.T.C. 13/4

The Peruvian Government has addressed to the British and Argentine Governments a proposal for a 72-hour truce while the American good offices procedures are taking place, in order to avoid an armed confrontation.

I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister, which Mr Pym has not yet had a chance to see.

The President of Peru has revealed the terms of the proposal, but not issued its text. It has been reported from Lima that Argentina - hardly surprisingly - has accepted the Peruvian proposal. This need not affect the terms of our reply. After the reply is delivered in Lima, unless you see objection, we should propose to reveal this to the press and also the terms of the reply, if interest is maintained.

Yours ever

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	9	AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
	10	YOUR TELNO 79: FALKLAND ISLANDS
	11	1. Please deliver to Dr Arias following message from the
	12	British Government to the Peruvian Government, in reply to their
	13	message of 11 April.
	14	Begins. The British Government thank the Peruvian
	15	Government for their message proposing a truce of 72 hours while
	16	the good offices procedures conducted by the Americans are
	17	taking place, in order to avoid an armed confrontation between
	18	the United Kingdom and Argentina over the Falkland Islands.
	19	The British Government appreciate the interest shown by
	20	the Peruvian Government in supporting efforts for a diplomatic
	21	solution. The British Government are no less keen to see a
///	22	peaceful solution, and are making every effort to pursue this
//	23	without prejudice to their rights under Article 51 of the
/	24	Charter of the United Nations. They note however, that the
	25	armed confrontation was initiated by the Argentine action in

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seizing the Falkland Islands, and that it was to this point that the first paragraph of Resolution No 502 of the Security Council of the United Nations was directed.

The first requirement for any solution is that the Argentine forces should withdraw from the Falkland Islands and their dependencies, in accordance with the mandatory Resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations. The British Government hope that the Government of Peru will impress on the Government of Argentina the need to comply with its obligations under international law.

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