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Athens, April 14th, 1982 cc Mabis
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Her Excellency
The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
of the United Kingdom

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

This is in response to your personal message of April 6th, 1982, delivered to me by the British Ambassador in Athens.

As you are well aware, my Government has already replied in a positive way and by various means to the requests of the United Kingdom concerning the occupation of the Falkland islands by Argentina.

In particular:

- a) The Greek Government has issued a public declaration of support the text of which has been delivered to the British Embassy in Athens;
- b) Greece participated in the common declaration issued by the Council of Europe;
- c) Greece joined the member States of the E.E.C. in adopting all of the proposed economic sanctions against Argentina inspite of some vital trade interests and also the thousands of Greek origin persons established in Argentina.

In so doing, the Greek Government wanted to underline its solidarity with a member State of the Community, namely the United Kingdom with which Greece is also linked with traditional friendly relations; but mainly to emphasize its being opposed to the use of force and to any kind of fait accompli in international relations and in particular to occupation of territory by force.

I am sure that your Government will fully understand our attachment to the above principles, bearing in mind events which have occurred or might occur in the very sensitive area in which my country is situated.

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I would finally like to reiterate that we fully support the Security Council Resolution, adopted on April 3rd, 1982, and that my Government strongly hopes and wishes the Falkland islands case to be settled by means of peaceful negotiations.

Yours sincerely,



Andreas G. Papandreou