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MY FIRST IPT: TEXT OF REPLY TO PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S MESSAGE
BEGINS.
HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT APPRECIATE AND SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE

PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THIS HAS BEEN THEIR CONSISTENT OBJECTIVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE WHICH HAVE HITHERTO BEEN PURSUED WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OVER MANY YEARS. THE ARGENTINE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAS SINCE DEMONSTRATED THEIR OWN DISREGARD FOR THE PATH OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. THE FIRST REQUIREMENT IS THEREFORE THAT ARGENTINE FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATORY RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND WITH ARGENTINA'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. ONLY WHEN THIS WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES HAS BEEN COMPLETED WILL THE NIGHT CONDITIONS EXIST FOR A NEGOTIATED

SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HOPE THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVE. ENDS.

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