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MY SECOND IPT: TEXT OF MY REPLY TO PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM

PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BEGINS.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PERSONAL MESSAGE WHICH OUR AMBASSADOR HAS CONVEYED TO ME. I APPRECIATE AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THIS IS INDEED WHAT WE ARE MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IN THE PRESENT GRAVE CIRCUMSTANCES: JUST AS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE FALKLANDS ISSUE HAS BEEN OUR CONSISTENT OBJECTIVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE HITHERTO BEEN PURSUED WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OVER MANY YEARS.

THE FACT IS HOWEVER THAT THE ARGENTINE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAS DEMONSTRATED THEIR OWN DISREGARD FOR THE PATH OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. THEIR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 (TO WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY REFERS) HAS SINCE SIGNALLED THEIR REJECTION OF THE CLEAR AND URGENT WISHES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE FIRST AND ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICT IS THEREFORE THAT ARGENTINE FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S MANDATORY RESOLUTION AND WITH ARGENTINA'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. ONLY WHEN THIS WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES HAS BEEN COMPLETED WILL THE CONDITIONS EXIST FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CRISIS AND FOR FOR A NEGOTIATED AND LASTING SETTLEMENT TO THE FALKLANDS ISSUE. THIS MUST BE THE CONTEXT FOR THE URGENT EFFORTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO RESOLVE THE PRESENT SITUATION. YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL, I KNOW, SHARE MY CONVICTION THAT UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC WISHES OF A SMALL

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AND PEACEFUL POPULATION CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONDONED WITHOUT  
POSING GRAVE DANGERS FOR THE BASIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

I WISH TO REITERATE MY SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE INTEREST AND  
CONCERN SHOWN BY YOU PERSONALLY AND BY YOUR GOVERNMENT. THE  
SUPPORT OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE INVALUABLE IN  
SECURING THE OBJECTIVES WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED. ENDS.

IN HANDING THIS OVER, PLEASE THANK THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR  
THEIR EFFORTS, BUT MAKE CLEAR THE TO ACCEPT A TIME WOULD SIMPLY  
HAVE THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMING THE ARGENTINE OCCUPATION OF THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND SAY THAT WE THINK IT RIGHT THAT THE DIPLOMATIC  
EFFORTS IN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM ARE BEST  
CONCENTRATED ON THE GOOD OFFICES CURRENTLY BY MR HAIG.

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