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*From the Private Secretary*

20 April 1982

Falkland Islands: Mexican Position

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Ambassador of Mexico which contains a reply from President Portillo to the Prime Minister's message to him.

A. J. COLES

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The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 20 April enclosing a message from the President of Mexico in response to the Prime Minister's letter of 8 April.

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His Excellency Dr. Jose Juan de Olloqui

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 80/82

London, 20th April, 1982.

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister

My President, José Lopez Portillo, has instructed me to convey to you the following message in response to your letter to him:

" I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your letter of 8 April in which You state the points of view of Your Government in relation to the dangerous situation risen in the Malvinas Islands and its dependencies, as a result of the occupation by the Argentinian armed forces.

" I would like to respond to it within the same spirit of friendship and understanding mentioned by You.

" Since April 2, I have followed, with deepest concern, the development of the conflict and on April 6, my Government stated its position by condemning the use of force as a means of solving international controversies, and by supporting the United Nations Security Council Resolution 502.

"At the same time, my Government recalled that Mexico has invariably supported the efforts made by Argentina at International Fora, seeking to obtain the acknowledgement of its sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands.

"I am carefully following the efforts that are being made in order to achieve a diplomatic solution to the conflict and to prevent renewed hostilities around the Islands. A bellicose confrontation between Great Britain and Argentina could have deep consequences for the harmony between the countries of the American Continent, as well as endanger the



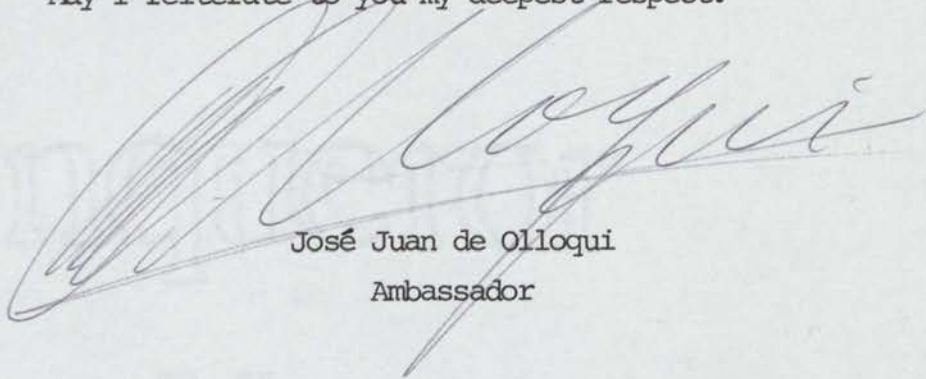
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world's peace.

"I trust that Your Government and that of the Argentinian Republic will make every possible effort to achieve, by means of negotiation, a just and honourable solution.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to You, dear Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration and personal friendship."

May I reiterate to you my deepest respect.



José Juan de Olloqui  
Ambassador



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