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YOUR TELNO 71 TO ABIDJAN; FALKLANDS; SECURITY COUNCIL

1. IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT REQUEST FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (CHINA) FOR INFORMATION, I HAVE DESPATCHED A LETTER TO HIM QUOTING THE MOD'S STATEMENT IN TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. FULL TEXT IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.

2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 30 APRIL ROCA (ARGENTINA) SUBMITTED TWO LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT, THE FIRST CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE JUNTA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN EXCLUSION ZONE AND THE SECOND REPLYING TO MY LETTER OF 26 APRIL ABOUT SOUTH GEORGIA. I WILL TELEGRAPH A DRAFT REPLY ON 3 MAY WHEN WE HAVE THE UN'S ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS.

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NIPT; FALKLANPS; SECURITY COUNCIL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MY LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

QUOTE

I HAVE THE HONOUR, WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER OF 28 APRIL 1982 (S/15006), TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING.

ON 2 APRIL 1982, ARGENTINA USED ARMED FORCE TO INVAD E THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN DEFIANCE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CALL ON ARGENTINA NOT TO USE FORCE OF 1 APRIL 1982 (S/24944). SINCE 3 APRIL 1982, ARGENTINA HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE DEMAND IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 502 (1982) ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THAT DAY. IN MY LETTER OF 28 APRIL 1982 (S/15006) CONCERNING THE

TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE, I SET OUT THE TEXT OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE EFFECT THAT FROM 1100 GMT ON 30 APRIL 1982

"PORT STANLEY AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED, AND ANY AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WILL BE REGARDED AS PRESENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND, ACCORDINGLY, IS LIABLE TO ATTACK."

ON 1 MAY 1982, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE HAVE BEEN ENFORCING THE TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE SINCE NOON LONDON TIME ON FRIDAY 30 APRIL IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. THE NOTICE ISSUED ON 28 APRIL MADE IT CLEAR THAT AFTER 48 HOURS' WARNING THE AIRPORT WOULD BE CLOSED AND THAT ANY AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND WOULD BE LIABLE TO ATTACK. EARLY THIS MORNING BRITISH AIRCRAFT TOOK ACTION TO ENFORCE THE TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE AND TO DENY THE ARGENTINES THE USE OF THE AIRSTRIP AT PORT STANLEY. WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO GIVE DETAILS BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS WE HAVE AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION."

THIS ACTION HAS BEEN MADE NECESSARY BY THE REFUSAL OF ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 502 FOLLOWING ITS INVASION OF BRITISH TERRITORY. THE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN EXERCISE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE RECOGNISED BY ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS LETTER TO BE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

UNQUOTE

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