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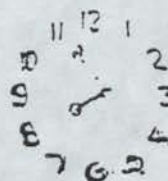
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 675 OF 7 MAY,

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON.



MIPT: FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM ROCA (ARGENTINA) TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

BEGINS

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOU TO INFORM THE SECURITY COUNCIL
THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM LONDON, THE UNITED KINGDOM
GOVERNMENT DECIDED TODAY, 7 MAY 1982, TO IMPOSE A BLOCKADE ON
EVERY ARGENTINE WARSHIP OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH DEPARTS MORE
THAN 12 SEA MILES FROM THE CONTINENTAL AND ISLAND TERRITORY OF
ARGENTINA.

THIS UNLAWFUL MEASURE CONSTITUTES A FURTHER ACT OF AGGRESSION
UNDER THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 3314 (XXIX) ARTICLE 3 PARAGRAPH (C)
WHICH ENDANGERS THE SECURITY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. IT SHOULD BE
POINTED OUT THAT THE IRRESPONSIBLE DECISION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
GOVERNMENT IS BEING TAKEN AT A TIME WHEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE UNITED NATIONS IS ENDEAVOURING TO FACILITATE A PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT OF THE QUESTION. BY THIS MEASURE THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT
IS AGAIN DEMONSTRATING ITS INSISTENCE ON A MILITARY SOLUTION AND
ITS WISH TO OBSTRUCT THE PRESENT DIPLOMATIC OPTION AT PRESENT UNDER
CONSIDERATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HOLDS THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEASURE AND THE
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC EXPRESSLY RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO ADOPT WHATEVER
DEFENSIVE MEASURES IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS (CHARTERS).

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