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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF PRESIDENT GALTIERI'S  
REPLY TO PRESIDENT TURBAY'S MESSAGE.

BUENOS AIRES 21 MAY 1982

MR PRESIDENT,

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE OF YESTERDAY. I VALUE AND APPRECIATE EVERY EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT OF THE FALKLAND, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS EMPLOYED ITS MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO HELP THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WE ARE FLEXIBLE AND REASONABLE. WE HAVE ABSTAINED FROM USING FORCE AND WE HAVE ONLY DONE SO IN REPLY TO GREAT BRITAIN'S MILITARY AGGRESSION.

WE ARE WITNESSING TODAY A NEW AND SERIOUS PHASE OF THIS ARMED AGGRESSION. THE INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN WHICH, TO RESTORE A COLONIAL, ANACHRONISTIC AND ILLEGAL SITUATION, RESORTS TO VIOLENT MEANS, SHOWS ITSELF ONCE AGAIN AS AN IMMOVABLE OBSTACLE TO ALL DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS.



IT REMAINS TO NEGOTIATE AND ATTACK AT THE SAME TIME, THUS  
CREATING A SERIOUS RISK FOR WORLD PEACE. IN THE FACE OF THIS  
PICTURE OF AGGRESSION AND INTRANSIGENCE WE ARE COMFORTED BY  
REGIONAL SOLIDARITY EXPRESSED IN CONCRETE STEPS TAKEN BY A LATIN  
AMERICA WHICH HAS TAKEN THIS ARGENTINE CAUSE AS HER OWN.

OUR REGION, MR PRESIDENT, WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY THIS  
SITUATION AND ENRICHED IN ITS FIRM WILL TO DEFEND THE VALUES OF  
DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM WHICH HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED IT. THE  
REJECTION OF COLONIALISM, AS THE 1948 BOGOTA DECLARATION MAINTAINED,  
WILL IDENTIFY OUR AMERICA WITH HER MOST CHERISHED IDEALS, WITH  
HER RAISON D'ETRE. EVEN TODAY WHEN OUR MOTHER COUNTRY IS ATTACKED,  
WE CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION TO ALL INITIATIVES WHICH CONTRIBUTE  
TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. THAT IS WHY THE EFFORTS  
MADE BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WILL FIND IN US THE GREATEST COMPREHEN-  
SION AND WILL TO NEGOTIATE.

CORDIALLY,

LEOPOLDO FORTUNATO GALTIERE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

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