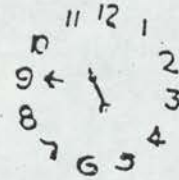


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MY TELNO 21 (NOT TO ALL) AND YOUR TELNO 43: MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT GUZMAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO PRESIDENT GUZMAN.
2. BEGINS:

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR
MESSAGE. I APPRECIATE YOUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN
THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. IT IS A CONCERN WHICH I FULLY SHARE.
THE TRAGIC CONFLICT WHICH HAS DEVELOPED HAS
NOT BEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S SEEKING. OVER THE SEVEN WEEKS
SINCE ARGENTINA LAUNCHED ITS UNPROVOKED AND UNLAWFUL AGGRESSION
AGAINST THE SMALL AND PEACEFUL POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE SOUGHT URGENTLY, AND WITH
OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND FLEXIBILITY, TO REACH A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT, BASED ON THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER - PRINCIPLES TO WHICH ALL
DEMOCRATIC NATIONS MUST ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. THE
ROAD TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION HAS REGRETTABLY BEEN BLOCKED BY
ARGENTINA. ARGENTINA HAS SHOWN NO READINESS TO COMPLY WITH THE
SECURITY COUNCIL'S MANDATORY RESOLUTION 502 AND TO WITHDRAW
ITS FORCES: INSTEAD IT HAS SOUGHT ONLY TO CONSOLIDATE ITS
AGGRESSION AND TO PREVARICATE IN NEGOTIATION. THE UNITED
KINGDOM HAS THROUGHOUT MADE CLEAR ITS DETERMINATION TO BRING
TO BEAR ALL NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY
PRESSURES ON ARGENTINA SO AS TO BRING TO AN END ITS OCCUPATION.
WE HAVE AT EVERY STAGE STATED OUR POSITION WITH CLARITY: AND,
USING OUR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CHARTER, HAVE CONFINED OURSELVES TO USING ONLY WHAT
FORCE PROVED NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND TO

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PROTECT OUR TASK FORCE.

3. IT IS STILL OPEN TO ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED INTERNATIONAL WILL AND TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, BRINGING TO AN END THE PRESENT DANGEROUS CONFLICT. I HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY CAN DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO PERSUADE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OF THIS. YOU WOULD BE MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. ENDS

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