

**347. Telegram From the Mission to the United Nations to the Department of State and the White House<sup>1</sup>**

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1685. Subject: Ambassador Kirkpatrick's Meeting with General Ricardo Pena. Ref: USUN 1668.<sup>2</sup>

1. (C-Entire text)

2. Air Force Gen. Ricardo Pena called on Amb. Kirkpatrick evening of June 15. Amb. Sorzano was also present.

3. Gen. Pena began by recounting military events during the last few days in the Falklands. He indicated that 775 Argentinian soldiers had been killed in the last 24 hours. Those casualties led to an Argentinian cease fire. He itemized the terms of surrender (as reported in USUN 1668) and indicated that in their view, the US had prevailed in softening UK terms. Pena continued by saying that these would be difficult times for Argentina, with domestic turbulence probably leading to the departure of Gen. Galtieri.<sup>3</sup> Argentina was most interested in continuing US support for Security Council Resolution 502, and asked what could Argentina do in the immediate future? Amb. Kirkpatrick responded by saying that they should continue their intensive dialogue with the SYG, with their neighbors and with appropriate American officials such as Asst. Secretary Enders.

4. Gen. Pena predicted that US/Argentina relations would be difficult for "the next five to ten years". The sooner we started rebuilding these relationships the better. He suggested that prompt removal of US economic sanctions would be a very powerful and positive signal which could get the process started.

5. Finally, Gen. Pena provided Amb. Kirkpatrick with an Argentine analysis of the military losses inflicted by the air force on UK forces. This analysis is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Department of State, Central Foreign Policy File, D850378-0742. Confidential; Immediate; Exdis. Sent for information Immediate to Buenos Aires.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 2, Document 346.

<sup>3</sup> See Document 344.

## Argentine Air Force Actions

### Offensive Actions

1 May 1982–10 June 1982

Navy Materials	Argentina's Claims	UK Claims
<b>Destroyers</b>		
Coventry	sunk	sunk
Brilliant	sunk	sunk
Sheffield	sunk	sunk
Broadsword	damaged	damaged?
Exeter	?	—
<b>Frigates</b>		
Antelope	sunk	sunk
Ardent	sunk	sunk
Plymouth	sunk	damaged
Argonaut	damaged heavily	damaged
<b>Light Cruiser</b>		
Antrim	damaged heavily	—
<b>Ships</b>		
Sir Galahad	sunk	damaged heavily
Sir Tristan	damaged heavily	" "
Sir Belvedere	damaged heavily	—
Canberra	damaged	—
Oiler (N.U.)	damaged	—
<b>Light Carriers</b>		
Hermes	damaged	—
Invincible	damaged	—
<b>Airplanes</b>		
Sea Harrier	15 shot down 1 damaged 7 unconfirmed	13 shot down
Sea King Helicopter	12 shot down 5 damaged 1 unconfirmed	5 shot down
Lynx Helicopter	2 shot down	
Gazelle Scout Hel.	4 shot down	4 shot down
Wessex Helicopter	2 shot down	2 lost—bad weather

**Kirkpatrick**