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The Honourable Margaret Thatcher  
Prime Minister of Great Britain  
UNITED NATIONS  
New York, NY 10017

Madam:

On the auspicious occasion of your addressing the United Nations, may I offer my sincere congratulations on the victory won, by your country in the Falklands.

Enclosed may be of interest to you so you may be aware of the support of many Americans in your quest for a just, honourable and peaceful solution to the Falkland Islands challenge.

May you, with God's blessings enjoy many happy and fruitful years as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Your faithful servant,

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The United States should occupy Bermuda at once. A task force of several thousand Marines should be dispatched there before Great Britain realizes what happened.

Our nation has marvelous grounds for annexing the Bermudas. First of all, the islands are occupied most of the time by American tourists who normally comprise a major portion of the British dependency. Some 100,000 visitors take over islands annually.

History would also support our right to sovereignty over Bermuda. Actually the islands were first discovered in the early 1500s by Juan de Bermudez, a Spaniard who was delivering a cargo of hogs to America. Since we later took over the Spanish colonies, we obviously have an airtight case.

But hear this! In 1609, a ship carrying colonists to America was destroyed in a storm off Bermuda and occupied the islands. Two of the passengers stayed and the rest sailed on to Virginia the following year. These two American colonists were the very first permanent settlers on the islands.

There's more! In 1672, the Bermuda became a recognized offshoot of the Virginia Company comprised of 120 persons, 60 of whom, under Henry More occupied the islands and raised Virginia tobacco there.

Wait. That's not all. During World War II the United States sent thousands of Americans to the islands to set up naval and air bases. Our Kindley Air Force Base is only two miles from St. George. We also set up a large naval base there in World War I in order to make the world safe for democracy. NATO is charged with the defense of the islands now and everyone knows we pay most of their bills.

But there's still another reason why we should seize Bermuda. This columnist can report today that there's something very queer going on around those islands - a situation which demands that we seize Bermuda for our own protection!

Ever hear of the Bermuda Triangle? Known also as the Devil's Triangle, it's that expanse of ocean from the Carolinas to Bermuda to southeastern Florida. Since 1854, more than 50 ships and aircraft have vanished mysteriously in that area. Obviously those British interlopers have been up to no good!

In 1918, the USS Cyclops vanished in those waters without a trace. On December 5, 1945, a squadron of five U.S. bombers disappeared forever and one of our seaplanes dispatched to hunt for them was never found!

Our government should act at once to regain what has been

rightfully ours since that hog shipper ran into Bermuda in the 1500s. All Americans should be willing to lay down their lives to get back our land from the British invaders. If England should have the nerve to object, we can haul Mrs. Thatcher before the United Nations. Certainly, Ireland will support our actions.

Our invasion of Bermuda would have many benefits. It would divert attention from our unemployment situation. Further, we could rename Bermuda the Elvis Presley Islands which would cause patriotism in America to soar. In addition, a great military victory there would help us forget our fiasco in Vietnam. It would also provide a new cause for Jane Fonda and the other professional protesters who desperately need a new issue to rally their marchers. At the same time our so-called environmentalists could stage "Save the Coral" days.

So what are we waiting for?

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