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FOLLOWING IS TEXT (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION) OF PRESIDENT ALFONSO'S  
SPEECH AT LUJAN TO COMMEMORATE 2 APRIL

*Prime Minister*

*See overleaf.*

*A. J. C. 44*

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THE DAY WHICH BRINGS US TOGETHER HERE, 2 APRIL, IS A DATE OF DOUBLE SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, BECAUSE THE WAR TOOK PLACE, BECAUSE OUR DEAD LIE IN THE SOUTHERN LANDS AND THE SOUTHERN OCEAN, AND WHAT HAPPENED HAS BECOME PART OF HISTORY. AND IT HAS A VERY DEEP EMOTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, BECAUSE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE WAR IN THE FALKLANDS HAS ENTERED THE HEART OF THE ARGENTINES.

TODAY, 2 APRIL, I AM HERE TO REMEMBER, WITH YOU, BEFORE THIS MONUMENT TO OUR SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN BATTLE, TO THOSE BRAVE ARGENTINES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES, OR GENEROUSLY PUT THEIR LIVES IN PERIL IN THIS SOUTHERMOST PART OF OUR FATHERLAND.

WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT THAT USED FORCE DID NOT STOP TO CONSIDER THE TREMENDOUS, TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT THEY HAD STARTED, THERE IS ALSO NO DOUBT THAT THE IDEAL THAT FIRED OUR SOLDIERS WAS, IS, AND WILL BE THAT OF COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF ARGENTINES: THE PERMANENT RECOVERY OF THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

THE GREATNESS OF REPUBLICAN LIFE IS STARRED WITH THE ACTS OF GALANTRY

TO THE CITIZENS.

OUR SOLDIERS WERE, DURING THEIR LIVES, GOOD. IN DEFEAT, CAPABLE OF SELF-SACRIFICE. IN DEATH, IMMORTAL.

HOW MANY CITIZENS WHO BEAR UNIFORM HAVE WISHED TO LEAVE THEIR LIFELESS BODIES AMONG THE ROCKS, THE PEAT AND THE SNOW, AFTER FIGHTING VIGOROUSLY AND BRAVELY.

BUT GOD SAW THE VIRTUOUS AND FROM AMONG THE VIRTUOUS THE BRAVE AND THE DETERMINED, AND FROM AMONG TH. WOUNDED AND THE SUFFERING, CHOSE HIS HEROES. HE CHOSE TE ONES WE ARE REMEMBERING TODAY.

BESET BY MISFORTUNE, LACKING THE LAURELS OF THE VICTORIOUS, THESE DEAD THAT WE HONOUR TODAY ARE A LIVING EXAMPLE OF SACRIFICE IN THE CALL OF DUTY.

THEIR BODIES LIE THERE, BUT NOT ABOVE. THEY ARE STAINED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE WOUNDED, TE SUFFERING OF THE SICK, THE PAINS OF THE UNSCATHED: THEY ARE IN THE HEARTS OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

BECAUSE ALL WERE WORTHY OF THE WORDS THAT THE POET PUT ON THE DYING LIPS OF THAT CAPTAIN OF AMERICAN LIBERTY, "I ONLY KNOW THAT THIS CRUEL LAND IS MY LAND: GOD GRANT ME A STRONG ARM AN

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HEART, TO DIE FOR MY COUNTRY.

THEIR SACRIFICE WAS NOT MADE IN VAIN, BECAUSE TOEAY THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS FEELING THE STRENGTH OF THIS GOAL, WHICH WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP, ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT THESE TRAGIC DEATHS GIVE EVEN GREATER STRENGTH TO THE CONVICTION THAT OUR RIGHTS ARE BACKED BY JUSTICE.

THIS GREATER STRENGTH KNOWS NO LIMITS OF TIME, IT IS MORE DURABLE THAN ANY PERIOD OF TIME. IF ANYONE EVER THOUGHT THAT THE PASSING OF TIME WOULD WEAKEN ARGENTINA'S CONVICTION OVER HER RIGHTS, HE MUST NOW REALISE NEXT THAT TIME WILL NEVER WEAKEN, NOR DIMINISH THIS BELIEF NOR OUR FIRM DECISION TO OBTAIN A JUST AND PERMANENT SOLUTION.

THIS IS THE CONVICTION THAT GUIDES OUR DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. THE MESSAGES THAT WE HAVE SENT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFLECT THIS CONVICTION. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST UNDERSTAND THAT JUST AS WE ARE SURE OF OUR RIGHTS, WE ARE JUST AS SURE THAT WE MUST OBTAIN DUE RECOGNITION OF THOSE RIGHTS BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THROUGH NEGOTIATION, THROUGH TALKS, THROUGH UNDERSTANDING.

WE BELIEVE THAT GOOD WILL IS SHOWN IN DEEDS, AND WE ARE WAITING FOR DEEDS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AS PROOF OF THAT GOOD WILL.

WE SHALL CONTINUE TO INSIST ON OUR WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TALKS THAT WILL FACILITATE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, TO EXPLAIN WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST, TO OFFER FULL GUARANTEES TO THE BRITISH INHABITANTS OF THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS, TO DECREASE TENSION, TO DEMILITARISE THE AREA, IN ALL TO EXPLORE, SINCERELY AND IN GOOD FAITH, THE POSSIBILITIES OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS OVER ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS.

WE WILL PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DEMILITARISATION, BECAUSE WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT BRITAIN'S MILITARY PRESENCE, WITH THE DISTURBING FACTOR OF THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR DEVICES, GIVES RISE TO GRAVE RISKS THAT AFFECT NOT ONLY THE SECURITY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC BUT THE WHOLE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

THE GRAVE DANGER THAT ARISES FROM THIS HUGE, DISPROPORTIONATE DEPLOYMENT IN THIS SEA AREA HAS TRANSFORMED A REGION TRADITIONALLY KEPT OUT OF THE GREAT STRATEGIC NERVE CENTRES OF THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT INTO A POSSIBLE BATTLEFIELD, WITH THE CONSEQUENCES THAT THIS COULD BRING FOR ARGENTINA AND ALL LATIN AMERICA.

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ALL THESE REASONS, BY THEIR VERY EXISTENCE, HAVE BEGUN TO SWAY OPINIONS, NOT ONLY IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO AMONG THE BRITISH PUBLIC.

THEY ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARTIFICIALLY MAINTAIN COLONIAL SITUATIONS THAT ARE QUITE OUT OF PLACE, AND THAT THIS ATTITUDE GOES AGAINST BRITAIN'S OWN DECOLONISATION POLICY. THEY TOO ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RENEWING LINKS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRITAIN, A RENEWAL THAT CAN IN NO WAY BE AFFECTED BY SECTARIAN INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY.

I MUST EMPHASISE THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM LATIN AMERICA, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN OUR CAUSE. TODAY WE WANT TO REPEAT OUR GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO ACCOMPANY AND SUPPORT US.

WE KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO COUNT ON THEIR SUPPORT, BECAUSE THE CAUSE OF THE ISLANDS IS ALSO A LATIN AMERICAN CAUSE.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS A CAUSE FOR ALL THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT COLONIES WILL EXIST IN AMERICA.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT ATTEMPTS ARE STILL MADE TO USURP AMERICAN LAND.

TODAY, LET US REMEMBER, AT THIS MONUMENT, OUR DEAD IN THE FALKLANDS AND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

THIS IS A PAINFUL ANNIVERSARY, YES, BUT OAN ANNIVERSARY THAT WE COMMEMORATE WITH THE MATURITY THAT IS BORN OF GRIEF.

TO THOSE WHO DIED IN STANLEY, ON THE BELGRANO, IN SOUTH GEORGIA, IN SO MANY PLACES OF OUR SOUTHERN LANDS AND SEA, OUR HEROS WHO DIED IN THE AIR, THIS HOMAGE BRINGS US TOGETHER.

I BEG MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, THEN, THE HOMAGE OF OUR HEART-FELT SILENCE, FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE WAR. THIS SILENCE IS THE TRIBUTE WE OFFER TODAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO FEEL MORE WORTHY AND MORE HONOURED TO BE ARGENTINES.

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