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MY TELNO 352: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE ADDRESSED BY THE
ARGENTINE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL:

BEGINS

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ADDRESS YOUR EXCELLENCY ON INSTRUCTIONS
FROM MY GOVERNMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH A VIEW TO DRAWING THE ATTENTION
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE SITUATION OF SERIOUS TENSION WHICH
EXISTS BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED KINGDOM:

ON THE 18TH OF MARCH 1982 SOME WORKERS OF ARGENTINE NATIONALITY,
FROM A PRIVATE COMPANY, WERE CONVEYED TO THE ISLANDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA
BY THE NAVAL TRANSPORT SHIP "BAHIA". THEY DISEMBARKED WITH THE
PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND
ULTIMATELY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS ALL CARRIED OUT
IN EXECUTION OF A VALID COMMERCIAL CONTRACT BETWEEN A PRIVATE
ARGENTINE COMPANY AND A BRITISH COMPANY. THE WORKERS CARRIED THE
DOCUMENTATION KNOWN AS A "PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE", THE ONLY VALID
DOCUMENT FOR TRAVELLING TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND
SOUTH SANDWICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT ARGENTINE-BRITISH
DECLARATION WHICH OPENED UP COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE
CONTINENTAL TERRITORY AND THOSE ISLANDS.

THE TENSE SITUATION WHICH IS A CAUSE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO
MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE FOLLOWING FACTS: THE (FRAUD-
ULENT) CLAIM OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO RECOGNISE THE 1971
DECLARATION FOR THE ISLANDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA AND NOT TO RECOGNISE
THE DOCUMENTS CREATED FOR THEM, AND THE BRITISH THREAT TO USE
FORCE BY MEANS OF SENDING NAVAL WARSHIPS (TO THE AREA). THIS
LATTER FACT HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM BEFORE THE HOUSE
OF LORDS. IN HIS STATEMENT ON 30 MARCH LORD CARRINGTON MOREOVER
MADE CLEAR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SECURITY MEASURES
TO WHICH HE COULD NOT REFER PUBLICLY.

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THE CONCERN WHICH THESE STATEMENTS HAVE CAUSED MY GOVERNMENT IS INTENSIFIED BY JOURNALISTS' ACCOUNTS WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE BRITISH PRESS WITHOUT BEING DISAVOWED, ACCORDING TO WHICH CERTAIN WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, IN LIGHT OF THIS CONFLICT, SOME OF THEM ARMED WITH MISSILES, AND TWO NUCLEAR SUB-MARINES AMONGST THEM.

THE CONDUCT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS PROVOKED THE INCIDENTS I HAVE DESCRIBED, COMBINED WITH A MILITARY PRESENCE WHICH IS UNJUSTIFIED AND AGAINST THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, CONSTITUTE THE CULMINATION OF A SYSTEMATIC POLICY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AIMED AT MAINTAINING A POSITION OF TOTAL REJECTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF MY COUNTRY OVER THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH. THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC HAS ALWAYS CALLED FOR THE RETURN OF THESE TERRITORIES BY PEACEFUL MEANS SINCE ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION BY BRITISH MILITARY FORCES IN 1833. THUS MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO INDICATE THAT SINCE THEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC HAS REGULARLY REITERATED ITS UNQUESTIONED RIGHTS OVER THE ISLANDS AND HAS MAINTAINED ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE USE OF NEGOTIATION FOR THE JUST RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE AND ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PUT AN END TO AN UNJUST AND ANACHRONISTIC COLONIAL SITUATION. IN THIS SENSE ARGENTINA STARTED OFF A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IN 1965, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 20/65 OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION HAS NOT YET ACHIEVED ANY PROGRESS BECAUSE OF THE OBSTINATELY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS NEGOTIATION BEING CLEARLY DEFINED AS A DISPUTE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SAID ARCHIPELAGO.

ONE OF THE MANY EFFORTS MADE BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH I REFERRED EARLIER IS THE PROPOSAL BY REPRESENTATIVE SOF MY GOVERNMENT, MADE TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK AT THE MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK ON 26/27 FEBRUARY 1982, TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF MONTHLY MEETINGS AIMED AT RESOLVING THE DISPUTE ABOUT THESE TERRITORIES WHOSE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THIS PROPOSAL BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY RESPONSE FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT WHICH DEMONSTRATED ONCE MORE THE LATTER'S REFUSAL TO CONSIDER BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND THROUGH NEGOTIATION A QUESTION WHICH TOUCHES ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND DIGNITY OF THE ARGENTINE NATION.

IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO EMPHASISE IN THE CLEAREST TERMS THAT THE MEANS EMPLOYED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THEIR UNILATERAL ACTS HAVE CREATED A SITUATION OF SERIOUS TENSION WHOSE CONTINUATION COULD JOEPARDISE THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

IN VIEW OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THIS HIGH ORGAN SHOULD BE INFORMED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITUATION.

WITH A REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED URGENTLY AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.....

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