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TELEGRAM NUMBER 425 OF 8 APRIL 1982

YOUR TELNO 50 TO ABIDJAN AND TELECONS GOULDING/WILLIAMS:  
MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE.

1. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED BY TELEPHONE THAT WE SHOULD NOTIFY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY SUBSEQUENT CHARGE OF HAVING FAILED TO CARRY OUT OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER. IF YOU AGREE WITH THIS, I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD HAVE A LETTER DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT AT APPROXIMATELY 2300Z ON SUNDAY 11 APRIL. WE WOULD NOT WARN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT THAT SUCH A LETTER WAS GOING TO BE DELIVERED, IN ORDER TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM THE RISK OF PRECIPITATING ACTION IN THE COUNCIL.

2. I SUGGEST THAT MY LETTER SHOULD BE IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:  
BEGINS

I HAVE THE HONOUR, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UKGBNI, TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. ARGENTINA HAS BEEN STEADILY REINFORCING ITS ARMED FORCES IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOLLOWING THE INVASION ON 2 APRIL 1982:
2. ARGENTINA HAS FAILED SO FAR TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 502 (1982) ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 3 APRIL 1982.
3. THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS PROMULGATED THE FOLLOWING NOTICE: (TEXT OF MR NOTT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF YOUR TELNO 50 TO ABIDJAN).

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