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SUBJECT: (U) FALKLANDS CRISIS: EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO

SECURITY COUNCIL ON SOUTH GEORGIA

ARGENTINA AND GREAT BRITAIN HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.ON THE CONFLICT OVER SOUTH GEORGIA:

BEGIN TEXT OF ARGENTINE LETTER:

I HAVE THE HONDUR TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU ON THE EXPRESS INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT AND, IN CONNEXION WITH MY

PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN THE

MALVINAS ISLANDS, THE SOUTH GEORGIAS AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, FIND MYSELF OBLIGED TO INFORM YOU OF

THE FOLLOWING:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, HAVING BEGUN ITS AGGRESSIVE ESCALATION WITH THE DISPATCH OF A FLEET OF WARSHIPS THAT INCLUDES

NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, AND HAVING CONTINUED IT WITH THE NAVAL AND AIR BLOCKADE OF PART OF ARGENTINA'S TERRITORY, TODAY,

25 APRIL, PERPETRATED AN ACT OF ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS, WHICH FURM PART OF ARGENTINE

TERRITORY, USING NAVAL UNITS AND HELICOPTERS.

THIS AGGRESSION BEGAN DURING THE MORNING HOURS WITH AN ATTACK ON AN ARGENTINE SUBMARINE, WHICH WAS ANCHORED AT THE SURFACE AND WAS UNLOADING PROVISIONS, MEDICINES AND

MAIL IN THE PORT OF GRYTVIKEN, AND CONTINUED WITH A STEADY BOMBARDMENT OF THAT PORT CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH

NAVAL UNITS.

FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS THE DEFENCE FORCE WAS SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT CANNON FIRE FROM THE DESTROYER EXETER, IN ADDITION TO RAIDS CARRIED OUT BY HEAVILY-ARMED HELICOPTERS WHICH MACHINE-GUNNED THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. AFTER A

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SHORT, TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL, THE EXETER TOOK UP A POSITION OFF PORT LEIGH, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE REMAINDER OF THE UNITS OF THE TASK FORCE (UNE TANKER SHIP) ONE TROOP CARRIER AND ONE LOGISTICAL-SUPPORT VESSEL), PRESUMABLY WAITING FOR SUITABLE CONDITIONS FOR A NEW ASSAULT ON THE ARGENTINE POSITION. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS IN PORT LEIGH, WHICH LIES NORTH-WEST OF GRYTVIKEN, THE SMALL NAVAL FORCE STATIONED THERE MANAGED TO HOLD OUT UNTIL ITS DEFENCE CAPABILITY WAS EXHAUSTED. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THIS ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT AT A TIME WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. ALEXANDER HAIG, WERE STILL UPEN. THESE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED THE SIMULTANEOUS CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, DATED 3 APRIL 1982. MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THIS NEW ACT OF BRITISH AGGRESSION CONSTITUES A GRAVE BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. I REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE DISTRIBUTED URGENTLY AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

END TEXT.

BRITISH REPLY ON SOUTH GEORGIA FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

- I HAVE THE HONDUR, WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTERS DATED 24 AND 25 APRIL FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AR-GENTINA (S/14998 AND S/14999), TO STATE THE FOLLOWING. ON 3 APRIL 1982, NOTWITHSTANDING CURRENT ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE ADOPTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, ARGENTINA CARRIED OUT AN ARMED INVASION OF THE ISLAND OF SOUTH GEORGIA. THE SMALL BRITISH GARRISON RESISTED BUT WAS EVENTUALLY CAPTURED. ON 25 APRIL, IN EXERCISE OF THE INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE RECOGNISED BY ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BRI-TISH FORCES RE-ESTABLISHED BRITISH AUTHORITY ON SOUTH GEORGIA. THE COMMANDER OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES WHICH HAD BEEN THERE FOR JUST OVER THREE WEEKS SURRENDERED. THE DNLY CASUALTY SO FAR AS MY GOVERNMENT IS AWARE WAS AN AR-GENTINE SEAMAN WHO SUFFERED LEG INJURIES. THERE IS THUS NO QUESTION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERN-

MENT HAVING ACTED AGGRESSIVELY, HAVING IN ANY WAY BREACHED THE TERMS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 (IMPLEMENTA-TION OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF WHICH BY ARGENTINA IS STILL AWAITED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY) OR OF HAVING CAUSED A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE ORIGINAL

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INFO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENUS AIRES IMMEDIATE 1609 RUEHLD/AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 6346 UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 01108 BREACH OF THE PEACE DETERMINED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE THIRD PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLU-TION 502 WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO AN END BEFORE ARGENTINA CAN BE SEEN TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF THAT RESOLUTION. NO AMOUNT OF SELECTIVE QUOTATION FROM STATEMENTS BY BRITISH MINISTERS CAN OBSCURE THE FACT THAT IT WAS ARGENTINA WHICH FIRST USED ARMED FORCE IN DEFIANCE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S URGENT CALL ON 1 APRIL (S/14944). - SOUTH GEORGIA IS A REMOTE MOUNTAINOUS ISLAND IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC (800 MILES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND 1600 MILES SOUTH EAST OF BUENOS AIRES). IT WAS DISCOVERED BY A BRITISH NATIONAL AND BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY WAS FIRST PROCLAIMED IN 1775, BEFORE WHICH IT WAS TERRA NULLIUS. SINCE 1908, THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS OCCUPIED AND ADMINISTERED THE ISLAND OPENLY, CONTINUOUSLY AND PEACEFULLY, MAINTAIN-ING A GOVERNMENT STATION AND A RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, AND REGULATING WHALING, FISHING AND SEALING IN PARTICULAR. FOR MANY YEARS ARGENTINA ACCEPTED BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY. ARGENTINA APPEARS TO HAVE FIRST MADE CLAIM TO SOUTH GEORGIA IN 1927. IN THE 1940S AND 1950S THE UNITED KINGDOM OFFER-ED TO REFER THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE OVER SOUTH GEORGIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. IN MAY 1955, THE UNITED KINGDOM SUBMITTED THIS DISPUTE TO THE COURT BY DE-LIVERING AN APPLICATION TO THE REGISTRAR (FULL TEXT IN "ICJ PLEADINGS, ANTARCTICA CASES (UK V. ARGENTINA)". HAVING SEEN THE STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH TITLE TO SOUTH GEORGIA, ARGENTINA DECLINED TO ACCEPT THE COURT'S JURIS-DICTION. IN RECENT YEARS, THE MAIN USE OF THE ISLAND HAS BEEN AS A LOGISTIC STATION SUPPORTING THE BRITISH ANTARC-TIC SURVEY, I.E. PEACEFUL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. - I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS LETTER TO BE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY

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SUBJECT: TEXT OF CUBAN STATEMENT ON FALKLANDS CRISIS

REF! HAVAN 2673 (NOTAL)

1. GIVEN BELOW IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED LAST NIGHT AND APPEARING IN APRIL 27 EDITION OF CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ORGAN GRANMA:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED THAT AN ARGENTINE SUBMARINE WAS SUBJECTED TO A BRITISH AIR ATTACK IN THE GEORGIAS. LATER, THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MADE KNOWN THAT BRITISH FORCES HAD PERFORMED A MILITARY LANDING IN THOSE ISLANDS; THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY A STATEMENT MADE BY THE MILITARY JUNTA OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. THIS AGGRESSIVE ACTION SHOWS AN ARROGANT COMTEMPT FOR THE CLAMOR OF WELL-INFORMED UNIVERSAL PUBLIC OPINION FOR A PACIFIC AND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA REGARDING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LATTER OVER THE MALVINAS, (A CONFLICT) WHICH HAS BECOME MORE ACUTE DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS.

SUCH ACTION REPRESENTS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE MOST ELEMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 502 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SPONSORED BY GREAT BRITAIN. THIS ALSO IMPLIES AN ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO THE CADUCOUS STAGE OF THE GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY AND OF THE COLONIAL METHODS WHICH ARE TODAY UNACCEPTABLE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, JOINTLY WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENER

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ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED AND PROCLAIMED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF ARGENTINA OVER THE MALVINAS TERRITORY.

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THEREBY, IT CONDEMS THE AGGRESSION AND MANIFESTS THE SOLIDARITY OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA WITH ARGENTINA, DEMAND—ING AT THE SAME TIME THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ANY ACT OF MILITARY HOSTILITY, ECONOMIC OR OF ANY OTHER NATURE AGAINST THIS BROTHER NON-ALIGNED AND LATINAMERICAN COUNTRY.

CUBA, AT THE SAME TIME URGES A POLITICAL AND PACIFIC SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT, AND WARNS OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION, APRIL 26, 1982 END TEXT.

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