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Letter dated 8 December 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

I have the honour to refer to the statement by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Argentina at the 1485th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 6 December, in the course of which the distinguished Permanent Representative referred to the Falkland Islands.

In view of what was said by His Excellency Dr. Ruda, I am obliged to state that the United Kingdom Government has no doubt as to its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and I wish formally to reserve my Government's position in that regard.

As the distinguished Argentine Permanent Representative stated, talks on the question of the Falkland Islands are at present in progress between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Argentina in accordance with the recommendation contained in General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX). My delegation shares the hope expressed by His Excellency Dr. Ruda that these talks will lead to an early and amicable settlement of this problem.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the circulation of this letter as a General Assembly document.

(Signed) CARADON

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