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Letter dated 14 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In the annex to his letter dated 28 November 1986 (A/41/934) concerning the activities carried out in Argentina in observance of the International Year of Peace, the Permanent Representative of Argentina refers to an international campaign organized by the Argentine Peace Council for the removal of an alleged nuclear base from the Falkland Islands. I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to state the following:

It is the long-standing practice of nuclear-weapon States for reasons of security and safety neither to confirm nor deny the presence or absence of nuclear weapons in any location at any particular time. However, as has been repeatedly made clear, the United Kingdom Government has at all times complied, and will continue to comply, with its obligations under the Additional Protocols to the Treaty of Tlatelolco:

First, in not deploying nuclear weapons in territories for which the United Kingdom is internationally responsible within the Treaty's zone of application, which include the Falkland Islands;

Second, in not deploying such weapons in the territories for which the Treaty is in force.

I request that this letter be given the same distribution as that from the Permanent Representative of Argentina.

(Signed) J. A. THOMSON

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