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LETTER DATED 7 JUNE 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On express instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following communiqués issued by the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

Communiqué No. 134 of 6 June 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that the Argentine naval hospital ship Bahía Paraíso met with the United Kingdom hospital ship Uganda and removed 47 wounded. Subsequently it also removed wounded personnel from Fox Bay and Port Howard on Gran Malvina Island and departed at 2200 hours yesterday, 5 June 1982, for a port on our coast, where it will proceed to disembark the aforementioned personnel, who will be transferred to hospital units."

Communiqué No. 135 of 6 June 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that up to 1200 hours today, 6 June 1982, combat activities taking place in the Malvinas area consisted in offensive reconnaissance operations with night bombing raids by the Argentine Air Force, the evacuation of wounded by the hospital ship Bahía Paraíso, harassing fire by field artillery and reinforcement of defensive arrangements. The enemy continues to remain generally static, although some aircraft in flight and some reconnaissance vehicles were observed."

Communiqué No. 136 of 7 June 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that yesterday, 6 June 1982, the following events took place on the combat front:

Argentine reconnaissance patrols established contact with the enemy and engaged in combat. As a result, the enemy forces withdrew, abandoning equipment which demonstrated the presence of troops of the 42nd Marine Commando.

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It was observed that enemy vehicles had become bogged down and been abandoned in the Mount Fitz Roy area. There was also an exchange of artillery fire between the two sides, producing no casualties among the Argentine forces."

The military actions of the Argentine Armed Forces described above were carried out by the Argentine people and Government in exercise of the right of self-defence provided for in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request you, Sir, to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Arnaldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador
