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LETTER DATED 9 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 that the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces, in its communiqué No. 141 of 8 June 1982, has announced that on that date aircraft of the Argentine Air Force attacked United Kingdom forces which were attempting to disembark at Pleasant Bay, 16 nautical miles south-west of Puerto Argentino. The United Kingdom forces consisted of one ship of the frigate type and three landing craft.

As a result of the attack, the United Kingdom forces suffered the following damage:

1. One frigate exploded upon receiving a direct hit and sank rapidly.
2. Two landing craft ran aground and had to be abandoned by their crews; fires and explosions on board these crafts were observed.
3. The third landing craft was set afire and put out of commission.

The above-described military actions of the Argentine Armed Forces 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) Arnoldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador
