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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to communicate with you, upon express instructions from my Government, in connexion with Security Council resolution 502 (1982) of 3 April 1982, in order to inform you of the following:

The Government of the Argentine Republic believes that the operative part of the aforementioned resolution constitutes a text which must be considered as a unified whole. Its paragraphs are so interrelated that it is impossible to take action for partial compliance with one paragraph while ignoring its consequences on other aspects of the situation.

Respect for the cessation of hostilities is something to be demanded of both parties. Its violation originates with the United Kingdom, which has already sent a large fleet of war to the zone and initiated a naval blockade of the islands. This fleet also includes nuclear submarines. All of this prompted the submission to this Council of my note of 9 April 1982, circulated as document S/14961.

My Government is prepared to comply with paragraph 2, on condition that the United Kingdom complies fully with the provisions of paragraph 1 and does not attempt to use resolution 502 (1982) as an instrument for justifying a return to the previous colonial situation, disregarding Argentina's sovereign rights and the appeals and resolutions of this Organization urging the end of all colonial situations.

Similarly, the Government of the United Kingdom has unilaterally, outside the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, taken a series of measures which constitute economic aggression, and it has thereby violated the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX)). Furthermore, in its eagerness to harm my country, it has induced other States to engage in similar aggression.

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The Government of the Argentine Republic also wishes to reaffirm its undertaking to consider with an open and receptive mind the situation of the 1,800 residents of the islands, whose interests Argentina will respect.

The Argentine Government believes in a negotiated diplomatic solution and will exert its best efforts to that end.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a matter of urgency as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
