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LETTER DATED 26 MAY 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 draw to your attention communiqué No. 92 of the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces, issued on 26 May 1982, which reads as follows:

"The Joint General Staff, supplementing the information given in communiqué No. 91, announces:

1. The MK 42 missile destroyer Coventry was sunk by aircraft of the Argentine Air Force using bombs.
2. The aircraft transport vessel Atlantic Conveyor was sunk 110 miles north-east of the main body of the British fleet by Super Etendard aircraft of the Argentine Navy, which hit the vessel with Exocet missiles.

This vessel was transporting an undetermined number of Harrier aircraft, which sank with it.

It should be noted that, in addition to transporting aircraft to reinforce the fleet, it had a logistic support capacity and was adapted for vertical take-off of the said aircraft."

Through the military action described above, the Argentine people and Government have exercised their inalienable right of self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request that this note be circulated, as a matter of urgency, as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Arnaldo M. LISTRE
Acting Permanent Representative