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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. 152 of 12 June 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that at daybreak today, 12 June 1982, our Air Force attacked and set fire to a British frigate which was bombarding the civilian population of Puerto Argentino. The frigate was put out of action and was abandoned by its crew."

Communiqué No. 153 of 12 June 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that in the attack carried out by British naval units against Puerto Argentino yesterday, 11 June 1982, as a result of shelling which was concentrated on the houses of the civilian population resident in the Island, the following casualties occurred amongst the Island's inhabitants:

Dead:

Susan WHITLEY: 30 years, British citizen;

Doreen BONER: 46 years, citizen of the Malvinas, born on 24 October 1935, passport No. 32490;

Injured:

Mary GOODWIN: 82 years, citizen of the Malvinas, very serious condition;

Veronica FOWLER: 38 years, British citizen, married, teacher, born in Scotland on 18 October 1944, passport No. 085402, slight injuries;

John FOWLER: 39 years, British citizen, married, born on 17 October 1943, father of two children (2-year-old Rachael and a recently born baby girl), slight injuries;

Steve WHITLEY: 35 years, British citizen, superintendent of education, slight injury.

"The health services in the area are doing their utmost to save the lives of the four injured persons.

"These citizens of the United Kingdom and the Malvinas who have been killed and injured by British gunfire are the very persons whom the United Kingdom Government is claiming to protect and in the defence of whose interests it says that it is waging this struggle, for a land which it has usurped and consequently does not belong to it."

The military actions of the Argentine Armed Forces described earlier 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 that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Arnoldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador