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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 that this afternoon United Kingdom helicopters overflew the "Corbeta Uruguay" scientific station on Morell (Thule) Island, which is part of the South Sandwich archipelago, and fired shots.

The helicopters, whose number is undetermined but greater than three, landed, and at present the scientific station is surrounded by United Kingdom troops.

This action constitutes a clear violation of the cessation of hostilities existing under the terms of my note No. 172 of 18 June 1982 (S/15234) and also constitutes a new act of aggression committed by the United Kingdom, in violation of Security Council resolution 502 (1982).

The scientific nature of the "Corbeta Uruguay" station and the activities in which it is engaged have already been fully detailed to you in my note No. 171 of 17 June 1982 (S/15230). On that occasion I indicated the gravity of the situation resulting from the United Kingdom threats, the presence of the warship Endurance and the attempt to "remove by violent means a scientific station which the Argentine Republic has maintained since 1977 and which constitutes absolutely no military threat".

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

(Signed) Arnoldo LISTRE
Ambassador