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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour, with reference to the letter dated 12 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations (S/14966), to enclose a copy of the reply of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and the Secretary of State's reply as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. D. PARSONS

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Annex

Text of the telegram dated 13 April 1982 from the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru

The British Government thank the Peruvian Government for their message proposing a truce of 72 hours while the good offices procedures conducted by the Americans are taking place, in order to avoid an armed confrontation between the United Kingdom and Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

The British Government appreciate the interest shown by the Peruvian Government in supporting efforts for a diplomatic solution. The British Government are no less keen to see a peaceful solution and are making every effort to pursue this without prejudice to their rights under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. They note, however, that the armed confrontation was initiated by the Argentine action in seizing the Falkland Islands and that it was to this point that the first paragraph of resolution 502 (1982) of the Security Council of the United Nations was directed.

The first requirement for any solution is that the Argentine forces should withdraw from the Falkland Islands and their dependencies, in accordance with the mandatory resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations. The British Government hope that the Government of Peru will impress on the government of Argentina the need to comply with its obligations under international law.
