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LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to inform the Security Council that, according to information from London, the United Kingdom Government decided today, 7 May 1982, to impose a blockade on every Argentine warship or military aircraft which departs more than 12 sea miles from the continental and island territory of Argentina.

This unlawful measure constitutes a further act of aggression under the terms of resolution 3314 (XXIX), article 3, paragraph (c), which endangers the security of the Argentine Republic.

It should be pointed out that this irresponsible decision of the United Kingdom Government is being taken at a time when the Secretary-General of the United Nations is endeavouring to facilitate a peaceful settlement of the question.

By this measure the United Kingdom Government is again demonstrating its insistence on a military solution and its wish to obstruct the diplomatic option at present under consideration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Argentine Government holds the United Kingdom Government responsible for the consequences of the implementation of this measure.

The Argentine Republic expressly reserves its right to adopt whatever defensive measures it may deem necessary in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request you to have this letter distributed, as a matter of urgency, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative