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LETTER DATED 11 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 communicate with you, on express instructions from my Government, in order to inform you of the communiqué issued by the Argentine Air Force on 10 May 1982 and of communiqué No. 39 of the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces dated 10 May 1982, the texts of which are as follows:

Communiqué of the Argentine Air Force:

"The Argentine Air Force regrets to announce that as a result of the air battle of the Malvinas, the following military personnel have died: Captain Gustavo García Cuerva, Chief Corporal Mario Duarte, Chief Corporal Juan Rodríguez, Corporal First Class José Luis Peralta, Corporal First Class Miguel Carrizo, Corporal First Class José Alberto Maldonado, Corporal First Class Agustín Montano, Corporal First Class Andrés Brasich and Privates Guillermo U. García and Héctor P. Bordon.

"The following are considered missing: First Lieutenant Mario Hipólito González, First Lieutenant José Leonidas Ardiles, Lieutenant Daniel Antonio Jukic and Lieutenant Eduardo de Ibáñez.

"Also as a result of the said action, there are 18 wounded, who are well on the way to recovery.

"The members of the families of the aforementioned personnel have been duly notified."

Communiqué No. 39 of the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

"The Joint General Staff announces that the following combat actions have been recorded in the Malvinas zone:

"At 10.05 p.m. on 9 May, two vessels fired four salvos against Puerto Argentino.

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"At 2.47 a.m. on 10 May, fire was opened again; the action ended at 3 a.m.

"At 10 a.m. on 10 May, two naval units opened fire on the airport area; the firing ended at 10.15 a.m. Our forces repelled these acts of aggression."

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

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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