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LETTER DATED 21 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE 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 bring to your attention the following communiqués issued by the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

Communiqué No. 64 dated 19 May 1982

"The Joint General Staff reports that today, 19 May 1982, at 9.50 a.m., two Sea Harrier aircraft bombed an area situated seven miles from Puerto Argentino and were driven off by anti-aircraft artillery. This was the only incident recorded in the Malvinas area."

Communiqué No. 65 dated 20 May 1982

"The Joint General Staff reports that today, 20 May 1982, at 12.15 a.m., a British surface unit began harassment shelling of the Puerto Argentino area.

"Argentine coastal artillery responded to that action and forced the aggressor to withdraw.

"So far no further warlike activity has been recorded."

Communiqué No. 66 dated 20 May 1982

"As a follow-up to its communiqué No. 56, the Joint General Staff informs the public that the sinking of the vessel Isla de los Estados has now been confirmed.

"Although this new enemy action yields no advantage from the military standpoint, it clearly damages the supply line to the civilian population of the Islands. Nevertheless, supplies will continue to be guaranteed by the Argentine Government. The names of the dead and missing have been communicated to the respective relatives by the corresponding Force."

Communiqué No. 67 dated 20 May 1982

"The Joint General Staff reports that today, 20 May 1982, the Chilean Government reported that a British Sea King helicopter, registration No. ZA-290, had been found burnt and crewless in the vicinity of Caleta Agua Fresca, 18 kilometres south of Punta Arenas, Chile.

"The Chilean authorities have ordered the appropriate investigation and made the relevant submission to the Ambassador of the United Kingdom, thus confirming the position adopted in respect of the present conflict."

Communiqué No. 68 dated 21 May 1982

"The Joint General Staff reports that today, 21 May 1982, at 8.45 a.m., three vessels were detected at Puerto San Carlos Bay and one vessel to the north of the entrance to the San Carlos Strait. At 8.50 a.m., there began a landing, which is being resisted by our Forces."

I request that this letter be distributed urgently as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative