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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 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

In my letter of 28 May 1982 (S/15134) and earlier letters, I reported upon military operations conducted by British forces in exercise of the United Kingdom's inherent right of self-defence recognized by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations in the face of Argentina's illegal use of force to invade and occupy the Falkland Islands.

I now have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to transmit the text of the Instrument of Surrender signed by Brigadier-General Mario Benjamin Menendez, the Commander of Argentine Land, Sea and Air Forces in the Falkland Islands, and by Major-General Jeremy Moore, Commander of British Land Forces in the Falkland Islands, at 2359 Z on 14 June 1982.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. D. PARSONS

Annex

Instrument of Surrender

I, the undersigned, Commander of all the Argentine Land, Sea and Air Forces in the Falkland Islands, surrender to Major-General J. J. Moore, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., as representative of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

Under the terms of this surrender, all Argentine personnel in the Falkland Islands are to muster at assembly points which will be nominated by General Moore and hand over their arms, ammunition and all other weapons and war-like equipment as directed by General Moore or appropriate British officers acting on his behalf.

Following the surrender, all personnel of the Argentinian Forces will be treated with honour, in accordance with the conditions set out in the Geneva Convention of 1949. They will obey any directions concerning movement and in connection with accommodation.

This surrender is to be effective from 2359 hours ZULU on 14 June (2059 hours local) and includes those Argentine Forces presently deployed in and around Port Stanley, those others on East Falkland, West Falkland and all the outlying islands.

(Signed) M. B. MENENDEZ, Commander Argentine Forces

J. J. MOORE, Major-General

D. PENNICOT, Witness

2359 hours, 14 June 1982
