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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 25 August 1982 by the Permanent Representative of Argentina concerning encounters between Argentine fishing boats and British forces in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands (S/15373).

On 14 and 15 August 1982 forces of the Royal Navy identified a group of five Argentine boats just outside the Protection Zone, which was notified to the Security Council in my letter of 22 July 1982 (S/15307). In neither of these encounters was there any threat or use of force by the Royal Navy. I am instructed by my Government once again strongly to urge that the request communicated in my letter of 22 July 1982 should be observed: in order that the risk of misunderstandings or inadvertent clashes be minimised, Argentine ships and aircraft are requested not to enter the Protection Zone except by prior agreement with the British authorities.

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

(Signed) Hamilton WHYTE

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