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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 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

I have the honour, with reference to the letter dated 13 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations (S/14981), to transmit the text of the reply of the Government of the United Kingdom to the note dated 14 April from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru.

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

(Signed) A. D. PARSONS

Annex

Text of the reply of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland to the note dated 14 April 1982 from the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Peru

Her Majesty's Government appreciate and share the concern of the Peruvian Government to achieve a peaceful resolution of the situation in the Falkland Islands. This has been their consistent objective in the negotiations on this issue which have hitherto been pursued with the Argentine Government over many years. The Argentine aggression against the Falkland Islands has since demonstrated their own disregard for the path of peaceful negotiation. The first requirement is, therefore, that Argentine forces must withdraw from the Falkland Islands and dependencies in accordance with the mandatory resolution of the United Nations Security Council and with Argentina's obligations under the Charter of the United Nations. Only when this withdrawal of forces has been completed will the right conditions exist for a negotiated solution to the dispute. The British Government hope that the Peruvian Government will be able to lend their support to the achievement of this essential objective.
