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LETTER DATED 27 MAY 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION 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 draw to your attention communiqué No. 93 of the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces, issued on 26 May 1982, which reads as follows:

"The Joint General Staff announces that, as a result of the warlike actions undertaken in the Malvinas area between 1 and 26 May 1982, the enemy has suffered the following material losses:

1. Vessels sunk

- Two destroyers, identified by the United Kingdom as the Sheffield and the Coventry.
- Two frigates, identified as the Ardent and the Antelope.
- One unidentified frigate.
- One aircraft transport vessel identified as the Atlantic Conveyor, with an undetermined number of Harrier aircraft on board and spare parts and maintenance equipment.

2. Vessels seriously damaged

- Three destroyers or frigates.
- One large carrier.

3. Vessels damaged

- Ten destroyers or frigates.
- One troop carrier.
- One unidentified vessel, probably a support ship.

4. 21 Sea Harrier aircraft shot down.

5. 12 helicopters.

This gives a total of 22 surface naval units and 30 aircraft affected."

These results of the military actions of the Argentine Armed Forces are solely a consequence of the exercise by the Argentine people and Government of their inalienable right to self-defence in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request that this note be circulated, as a matter of urgency, as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Arnoldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador
