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Letter dated 29 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On express instructions from my Government, which is mindful of the mandate of good offices entrusted to you by the United Nations General Assembly, I have the honour to inform you of the situation created by the following incident:

On 25 July 1985, while it was effecting a maritime transit control flight, the Argentine naval aircraft Electra G-P-102 was intercepted for 12 minutes by two United Kingdom Phantom aircraft, registration nos. XV 420 and XV 495, between the following co-ordinates: 52°12' latitude south and 63°50' longitude west up to 51°53' latitude south and 65°09' longitude west.

As can be seen from the above, the intercepted aircraft was within the 200-mile area of Argentine jurisdiction and more than 15 miles from the outer limit of the illegal exclusion zone set up unilaterally around the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) by the United Kingdom Government. The United Kingdom aircraft accompanied the Argentine aircraft for almost 30 miles outside the so-called exclusion zone.

Because of the responsibility which your mandate carries with it, the Argentine Government is compelled by this blatantly provocative situation to inform you of the above incident.

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The maintenance of the illegal so-called "exclusion zone" and incidents such as that described not only violate the cessation of hostilities in the area but also contradict statements by the United Kingdom Government as to its intention of restoring confidence between the two nations.

The Government of the Argentine Republic also expresses its serious concern at such incidents, which constitute further obstacles to strengthening peace and security in the region. Mention should be made of the vital role which the strategic military base and airport recently opened by the United Kingdom on the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) plays in the conduct of actions such as that described.

Without prejudice to this presentation which my Government finds itself compelled to make, the Argentine Republic states clearly, as it has on earlier occasions, that it is fully prepared to implement the resolutions of the United Nations in order to achieve an early peaceful and negotiated solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

I should like to request that this note be distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council, and brought to the attention of the Special Committee of 24.

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑIZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
