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1. SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON 5 APRIL.

BEGINS

THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY DEPLORES ARGENTINA'S MILITARY INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THE USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE A LONG STANDING DISPUTE IS IN TOTAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH ENSHRINES THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION, SELF-DETERMINATION AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

THE SINAPORE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE URGES THE GOVERNMENT
OF ARGENTINA TO ABIDE BY THE UN CHARTER PRINCIPLES AND
WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 3 APRIL 1982.
THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT FURTHER APPEALS TO THE PARTIES
CONCERNED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE
BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. ENDS 2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR MR LEE KUAN YEW'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO HIM WHICH I DELIVERED ON 3 APRIL. LEADER IN STRAITS TIMES OF 5 APRIL ALSO DEPLORES ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S USE OF FORCE AND COMMENDS BRITISH RESPONSE AS RESTRAINED AND LEVEL HEADED. 3. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TOMORROW 6 APRIL TO PURSUE SUGGESTIONS IN YOUR SECOND T.U.R. HENNINGS NNNN DWF G 078/5 LDX 847/05 LKN 909/05 NR S 218/05