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((SPEECH DELIVERED ON 1 MAY 1982 BY ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
LEOPOLDO FORTUNATO GALTIERI FROM THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE
WHITE ROOM -- RECORDED))

((TEXT)) FELLOW ARGENTINES! TODAY, THE ARMS OF THE ARGENTINE
NATION HAVE ANSWERED A NEW ACT OF AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY THE
UNITED KINGDOM IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC; THEY HAVE AND ARE STILL
ATTACKING US, BUT, WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPELL THEM, AND
THIS WILL ALWAYS BE OUR ANSWER IF THE ENEMY INTENDS TO AGAIN
ESTABLISH A COLONY ON ARGENTINE LAND.

PRIOR TO THIS ATTACK, DURING LONG DAYS AND ENTIRE WEEKS,
UNCONCEIVABLE PRESSURES HAVE BEEN EXERTED ON OUR SOVEREIGN WILL;
THEY HAVE DEPICTED US AS CLODDY AGGRESSORS; BUT IT IS WELL-KNOWN
THAT UPON RECOVERING THE UNREDEEMED TERRITORY THAT WE CHOSE TO DIE
INSTEAD OF KILLING, ~~AND BECAUSE OF THIS DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED~~
MILITARY OPERATION NEITHER THE ADVERSARY NOR THE POPULATION OF
THE MALVINAS EXPERIENCED A SINGLE CASUALTY.

WE HAVE BEEN WRONGED WITH SANCTIONS THAT THE GREAT POWERS
AVOID ENFORCING AGAINST THOSE THEY CONSIDER TO BE THEIR WORSE
ENEMIES AS IF OUR CONDITION AS A YOUNG COUNTRY WOULD MAKE US AN
EASY PREY.

WE HAVE BEEN SLANDERED AND INSULTED, MOREOVER, WE HAVE BEEN
INTIMIDATED, THREATENED, INTRIGUED AGAINST AND WE HAVE BEEN THE
VICTIM OF ALL SORT OF UNIMAGINABLE MANEUVERS TO DISCREDIT US,

WE HAVE STATED OUR REASONS, WE HAVE SAID THAT FOR ALMOST ONE
AND A HALF CENTURY WE EITHER OBTAINED AN INTENSIVE NEGATIVE OR
THE MOST CYNICAL SILENCE TO OUR PERSISTENT CLAIM TO OUR PROVEN
RIGHTS,

WE HAVE PROVEN THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM DECIDED TO SEND WARSHIPS
IN ANSWER TO THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED PRESENCE OF ARGENTINE
WORKERS ON THE GEORGIA ISLANDS,

SINCE WE WERE CERTAIN THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER PATH TO RECOVER
OUR IRREVOCABLE SOVEREIGNTY, WE ACTED AS WE HAVE, AND THUS WE HAVE
SHOWN THE WORLD,

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS HAVE ANSWERED
US IN A CLEAR AND FRANK MANNER, A SOLIDARY AND FRATERNAL ATTITUDE
WAS UPHELD BY THOSE WHO, WITHOUT HAVING ULTERIOR MOTIVES, TRULY
BELIEVED THAT THIS CONTINENT HAS A FUTURE AND A DESTINY AND THAT
ITS COLONIAL PAST WAS DEAD AND BURIED AND A PART OF HISTORY,

WE ALSO COUNT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE SUPPORT OF THOSE
NONALIGNED COUNTRIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED WITH THEIR OWN FLESH
AND BLOOD THE RIGORS OF THE ANTI-COLONIAL WARS AND THAT UNDERSTAND
THE COURAGE AND DEMANDS INVOLVED IN ACHIEVING A VICTORY IN THIS
STRUGGLE,

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((TEXT)) THEREFORE, OUR CAUSE IS NO LONGER AN ARGENTINE PROBLEM, IT HAS NOW BECOME A CAUSE OF THE AMERICAS AND THE WORLD WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE COLONIALISM AS A SITUATION WHICH CAN BE ENDURED THIS CENTURY, THE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOW BEEN ADDED TO EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID, AN ATTITUDE WHICH NOT ONLY DISREGARDS THE DECISION MADE WITHIN THE OAS -- DENYING IN THIS MANNER PRINCIPLES WHICH IT HAD, FORMALLY ADHERE TO MORE THAN 35 YEARS AGO -- BUT SUPPORTS IN FACT THE COLONIAL PRETENSIONS IN THE AMERICAS OF AN EUROPEAN POWER BY IMPOSING ON US ILLEGITIMATE AND UNJUST MATERIAL AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS;

THEREFORE, THIS GOES AGAINST THE EXPRESSED FEELINGS OF PRACTICALLY ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS OF WHICH IT IS AN INFLUENTIAL PART,

THE BRITISH EMPIRE, ENCOURAGED BY THE ALLEGED RESULTS OF ITS CAMPAIGN OF PRESSURE, IS RESORTING TO THE DIRECT AND NAKED USE OF FORCE, THEREFORE WE HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO RESPOND TO SUCH VIOLENCE WITH MILITARY ACTION, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BREAKING PEACE IN THE AMERICAS AND ENDANGERING WORLD SECURITY WILL FALL ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO ATTACK US,

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING JEOPARDIZED INTERNATIONAL HARMONY WILL FALL ON THE SHOULDER OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND OF THOSE SUPPORTING IT,

WE HAVE TRIED ALL MEANS TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION AND

FACE THE UNTHINKABLE ATTACK WE HAVE SUFFERED WILL NOT
DIMINISH THIS DEDICATION TO PEACE WHICH HAS ALWAYS INSPIRED US,

LET US PRAY TO GOD, OUR LORD TO GIVE US SERENITY AND
STRENGTH FOR THIS NATIONAL ENTERPRISE WE BEGAN ON 2 APRIL, AND
ENTERPRISE WE WILL PERSIST UNITED TO VICTORY,

WE ALSO PRAY THAT HE WILL ILLUMINATE THE INTELLIGENCE OF THOSE
WHO PLACE THEIR OWN POLITICAL POSITIONS BEFORE THE INTERESTS OF
PEACE AND JUSTICE THAT ARE SOUGHT BY ALL NATIONS,

TODAY, 1 MAY, ON LABOR DAY, ARGENTINE MEN AND WOMEN
ARE AT THEIR WORK PLACE READY TO MAKE GREAT SACRIFICES WHILE IN THE
SOUTH, A PART OF ARGENTINE TERRITORY, MEN OF ALL AGES ARE IN THE
TRENCHES COURAGEOUSLY AND FIRMLY DEFENDING THE HONOR AND PATRIOTRY
OF OUR NATION,

THIS HAS AND WILL SURELY COST US MANY LIVES AND MATERIAL LOSSES,
BUT THE PRICE THAT THE UNSPEAKABLE BOLDNESS OF THE INVADER
WHICH HAS DISREGARDED ALL REASONING AND HAS COMMITTED THE
UNPARDONABLE POLITICAL MISTAKE OF CONFUSING PRUDENCE WITH WEAKNESS,
WILL BE EVEN HIGHER,

AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME, I ASK THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC,
MY PEOPLE, FOR FAITH, COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR FOREFATHERS, WHAT JUSTLY BELONGS TO ALL
ARGENTINE GENERATIONS OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW; GOOD
EVENING,

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