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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Sir,

Further Message from the President of Brazil to the Prime
Minister

The President of Brazil has sent a further message to the Prime Minister about his fears that military confrontation might demolish the diplomatic efforts of the UN Secretary-General. I enclose the text.

There is no point in prolonging, for the sake of politeness, exchanges of messages between the President and the Prime Minister. But the Prime Minister will know that President Figueiredo spoke on 13 May to President Reagan and has decided to send an emissary to Buenos Aires (Washington telno 1745 to FCO). He is known to be particularly concerned about the possibility of mainland operations against Argentina.

I enclose a telegram containing a draft reply from the Prime Minister which might be delivered, like her previous message, through Brazilia.

Yours ever
J E Holmes

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, SENHOR JOÃO BAPTISTA FIGUEIREDO
TO THE RT HON. MRS MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND

"I am most grateful to Your Excellency for your
kind telegram of yesterday's date, May 11th.

It is encouraging to have a reaffirmation of the
endeavour of the British Government to find a negotiated solution
for the question.

Bearing in mind, however, the growing military
activity in the South Atlantic, which increases the risks of an
armed confrontation of serious proportions, I wish to reiterate
to Your Excellency the concern of my country, its Government and
public opinion, that such risks might mar the diplomatic efforts
now being made by the Secretary General of the United Nations,
Mr Perez de Cuellar. Such occurrence, as Your Excellency can
well imagine, could have serious and deep repercussions both in
the American Continental picture as well as in the world.

I trust, therefore, that the parties to the
question, in no moment should fail to adapt a flexible and
constructive attitude within the present negotiations in the
United Nations, and I once again reaffirm the wishes of my
country for a successful end for such efforts in the shortest
possible period of time.

With my highest consideration."

London, May 12th, 1982.

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| | 11 | 1. Please pass following message from the Prime Minister to |
| | 12 | President Figueiredo. |
| | 13 | <u>BEGINS:</u> I thank Your Excellency for your message of 12 May. I |
| | 14 | value your concern and share your hopes that the efforts now |
| | 15 | under way in New York will be successful. |
| | 16 | But Argentina has so far ignored Mandatory Resolution |
| | 17 | No 502 of the Security Council: a full withdrawal of Argentine |
| | 18 | forces from the Falklands would transform the prospects for a |
| | 19 | settlement. Their presence on the islands is wholly unlawful. |
| | 20 | The consequences of failure at New York are much in my |
| | 21 | mind as they are in yours. You may be assured that we have no |
| /// | 22 | wish to prolong military action longer than may be necessary |
| // | 23 | and have approached the present negotiations in the United |
| / | 24 | Nations with urgency and in a constructive spirit. If a |
| | 25 | negotiated settlement does not prove possible, it will not be |

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