

338. Telegram From the Department of State to the Embassy in Brazil¹

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163586. Subject: Letter to President Reagan from President Figueiredo.

1. (Secret-Entire text).
2. Following is informal translation of President Figueiredo's June 12 letter, delivered to the Department June 13:

His Excellency
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

As you know, since the beginning of the Malvinas crisis I have vehemently insisted before the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Argentina upon the prevention of a solution by force to that conflict. I have also exchanged messages with you in an effort to help find a means of negotiation. At this moment, more than ever, it is necessary to review that urgent effort so that a cease-fire be reached and a purely military solution be avoided. In this context, I wish to encourage you to resume urgently and vigorously the efforts aiming at a cease-fire, putting an end to the escalation of violence, and ensuring a peaceful solution to that bloody conflict, in light of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council.

It is my strong belief that, if conditions leading to a process of negotiation are not created to prevent the evolution and the uncontrolled continuation of the conflict, the risks for those in our region and in the entire Western world will be intolerable.

Sincerely,
Joao Baptista de Oliveira Figueiredo
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

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