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VERSAILLES ECONOMIC SUMMIT : ATTITUDES TO THE FALKLANDS OF OTHER SUMMIT COUNTRIES

### JAPAN

Japan voted for SCR 502, although there were reports of some initial hesitation. Thereafter, although the Japanese Government claimed to have spoken firmly to Argentine representatives and to have warned of the possible economic consequences, they took no clear economic measures for several weeks. The letter of 12 April from the Japanese Prime Minister. sets out the Japanese view in general terms, and was amplified when the Japanese Ambassador told the FCO on the same day that no application for new commitments for export credit to Argentina was expected (but was not prepared to make a publc statement to this effect). A further message from the Japanese Prime Minister delivered on 27 April said that the Japanese Government would advise Japanese businessmen not 'unduly' to take advantage of the import ban imposed by the EC and other countries. A reply from Mrs Thatcher dated 28 April took up the reference to 'unduly' and asked Japan to consider imposing actual restricitons on trade. There has been no response. Japan's reluctance to do more is based on her economic interests in Argentina, including a large surplus on bilateral trade; the large numbers of Japanese nationals or people of Japanese origin in Argentina and elswhere in Latin America; and claimed difficulties about taking specific action on imports in the absence of an explicit UN resolution, because of the restrictions of GATT and of Japan's domestic legislation.

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TO IMMEDIATE F C O

TELEGRAM NO 182 OF 12 APRIL

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MIPT FALKLANDS .

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MR SUZUKI'S LETTER TO MRS THATCHER:-

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DETAILED "ESSAGE CONCERNING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE, WHICH WAS DELIEVERED TO ME THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR, SIR HUGH CORTAZZI. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH A SENSE OF GRAVE CONCERN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SINCE MILITARY ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. I HAVE ALSO READ YOUR MESSAGE WITH GREAT ATTENTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONSIDERS THAT THE USE OF FORCE BY ARGENTINA VIOLATES THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICTS AND MON-USE OF FORCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THAT SUCH ACTION CAN NEVER BE ACCEPTED. WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES WILL BE PROMPTLY REALIZED AND THAT THIS DISPUTE PEACEFULY SETTLED THROUGH DIPLO MATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

IT WAS FROM THIS BASIC STANDPOINT THAT JAPAN IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION TABLED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT, ALSO IN TOKYO, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CLEARLY EXPLAINED OUR POSITION BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

THIS POSITION OF JAPAN HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE ARGENTINE SIDE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, AND ON APRIL 12, THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN CONFORMITY WITH MY WISHES, MADE THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR:

(I) WE DEEPLY REGRET THE USE OF FORCE BY ARGENTINA

AND URGE THAT ITS FORCES WITHDRAW IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE

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(11) THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN PLACES HIGH EXPECTATIONS ON GOOD OFFICES BY THE UNITED STATES AND HOPES THAT ARGENTIANAN WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TOGVHE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS GOOD OFFICES AND WILL TRY TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO STATE SIMILARLY TO YOU THAT JAPAN PLACES, FOR THE PRESENT, EXPECTATIONS ON THE EFFORTS OF GOOD OFFICES BY THE UNITED STATES.

TO YOUR REQUEST FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE CONCRETE
MEASURES PROPOSED IN YOUR MESSAGE, I SHOULD LIKE TO REPLY
AS FOLLOWS:

THE BASIC IDEA OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS THAT
MEASURES TO SECURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON APRIL 3 SHOULD PRIMARILY BE SOUGHT
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ITS CHARTER. WE ARE CERTAINLY PREPARED TO MAKE EFFORTS
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION BY DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER
MEANS OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS, TOO. SUCH EFFORTS
SHOULD BE NATURALLY EXERTED IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT
IMCOMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.
IT IS ALSO NATURAL THAT WE SHALL EXERT SUCH EFFORTS ON THE
BASIS OF WHAT WE JUDGE FOR OURSELVES TO BE THE LONG TERM
INTERESTS OF THE FREE WORLD.

IN MORE CONCRETE TERMS, JAPAN PURSUES THE POLICY OF ABSTAINING FROM EXPORTING ARMS TO FOREIGH COUNTRIES AND IS SATISFIED THAT IT IS THUS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY. THIS POLICY IS BEING APPLIED STRICTLY TO ARGENTINA.

BEARING THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, WE STATED TO
THE ARGENTINE SIDE IN OUR REPRESENTATIONS OF APRIL 12
THAT IF THE PRESENT CRISIS IS PROLONGED, IT IS FEARED
THAT THE CONFIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN
IN THAT COUNTRY'S FUTURE MIGHT BE UNDERMINED AND THAT THE
SMOOTH DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
MIGHT BE IMPEDED, ESPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, AND
EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT FOR THESE AND OTHER REASONS THE
ARGENTINE SIDE WILL ENDEAVOUR FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION OF
THE CURRENT SITUATION.

WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THE ARGENTINE SIDE IS REMINDED
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AS A STATESMAN SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF
GOVERNMENT AS YOU ARE, I CAN IMAGINE HOW SERIOUSLY YOU
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AFFAIR. BUT I HAVE KNOWN FOR
A LONG TIME YOUR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN A BROAD RANGE
OF STATE AFFAIRS. IN THE FIRM BELIEF THAT THE UNITED
KINGDOM WILL NOT FAIL TO TIME OVER THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION
UNDER YOUR ABLE GUIDANCE, I SEND YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES
FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND FOR EVERY SUCCESS IN THE DISCHARGE
OF YOUR IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

YOURS SINCERELY.

ZENKO SUZUKI PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

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TO IMMEDIATE TOKYO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 161 OF 28 APRIL 1982

AND TO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

MIPT: FALKLANDS: JAPANESE POSITION

1. TEXT OF MR SUZUKI'S LETTER:

BEGINS: DEAR MRS THATCHER,

I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH SERIOUS CONCERN - AS I MENTIONED IN

MY LETTER OF APRIL 12TH - THE DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND THE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND EARNESTLY HOPING FOR AN EARLY AND PEACEFUL

IN PURSUANCE OF ITS NATIONAL POLICY OF THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, JAPAN DEEPLY REGRETS THE ARGENTINE USE OF FORCE AND CONSIDERS THAT THEIR FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW PROMPTLY IN ACGORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 502 OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. IN LINE WITH THIS POSITION, MY GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE APPROACHES TO THE ARGENTINE SIDE. OUR ACTIONS, AS MENTIONED IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER AND REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED AS OUR OFFICIAL VIEWS, ARE BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION, INTER ALIA, THAT THEY SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH OUR EXISTING. INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS - INCLUDING THOSE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS' CHARTER - WHILE ENSURING THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE FREE WORLD WITH DUE ATTENTION TO UNITY AND COOPERATION WITH THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES.

SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE, EVER SINCE THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTION.

FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW, MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GUIDE THE BUSINESS CIRCLES TO PAY DUE ATTENTION NOT TO UNDULY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MEASURES TO BAN IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA TAKEN BY THE EC MEMBERS AND OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF JAPAN. I BELIEVE THAT IT NOT ONLY CONFORMS TO JAPAN'S BASIC POSITION, BUT ALSO MEETS YOUR REQUESTS.

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TO IMMEDIATE TOKYO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 162 OF 28 APRIL 1982

AND TO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

MIPT FALKLANDS: JAPANESE POSITION

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOLLOWING REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER:

BEGINS: DEAR MR SUZUKI,

I WAS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LETTER WHICH YOUR AMBASSADOR DELIVERED ON 27 APRIL. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT JAPAN WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER SUPPORT TO OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WERE ABLE TO AGREE VERY SWIFTLY TO BAN IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA, AND OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES (NOT ALL FROM THE COMMONWEALTH) HAVE TAKEN SIMILAR MEASURES. WHILE I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSURANCE THAT JAPANESE BUSINESS CIRCLES WILL BE GUIDED 'NOT TO UNDULY TAKE ADVANTAGE' OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, I AM BOUND TO SAY THAT THIS DOES NOT FULLY MEET OUR REQUEST. PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT UNDERSTAND IT IF ANY (UNDERLINED) INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND JAPAN WERE TO RESULT. I SHOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU NOW TO RECONSIDER WHETHER JAPAN COULD NOT IMPOSE ACTUAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE WITH ARGENTINA. AND MAKE PUBLIC THE DECISION YOU TAKE, AS WELL AS THOSE YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN. IN MY VIEW SUCH A MOVE BY JAPAN, IF UNDERTAKEN SWIFTLY, COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT IN SHOWINGH ARGENTINA THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW HER FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502.

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