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US VIEWS ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following are some points about the Falkland Islands which United States leaders have made in the recent past.

1. Armed aggression must not be allowed to succeed in the world. If the Argentine invasion were allowed to stand uncontested, this would reduce the security of small states everywhere.
2. We support the principle of self-determination, enshrined in the UN Charter, and believe that the rule of law must be upheld.
3. The fact that we took a different view from Britain on the merits of a text at the United Nations does not diminish our strong support for Britain in this crisis.
4. We are not asking for a military pause. ~~It would be presumptuous of us to insist that the British seek a negotiated settlement.~~ These <sup>is a</sup> are judgements for Britain to make.
5. Like Britain, we hope that this can be resolved with minimum loss of life and we note that the option of honourable withdrawal remains open to the Argentine garrison.