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LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to my earlier communications concerning the activities of the British hospital ship, HMS Uganda, and the communication dated 31 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to draw your attention to the following facts:

1. In its communications of 28 May the British Government acknowledged that the hospital ship Uganda was on 27 May in the very place where fighting was going on. The explanations of the reasons why it was moved to that place do not disprove the fact that it was in a place where it was interfering with the combatants' operations.
2. The British Government likewise reported later that the vessel HMS Uganda had been moved from latitude 50° 54" south longitude 60° 15" west to latitude 50° 50' south longitude 58° 48' west.
3. The British Government reported that a United Kingdom vessel boarded and inspected the Bahía Paraíso without finding any violation of the second Geneva Convention. That demonstrates that the warnings it transmitted on 31 May to the Argentine Government through the Swiss Embassy were totally without foundation.

Finally, Sir, I wish to inform you of Communiqué No. 129 of the Joint General Staff, of 5 June 1982, which reads as follows:

"The Joint General Staff announces that yesterday, 4 June 1982, the Argentine hospital ship Bahía Paraíso had its planned rendezvous with its English counterpart, the hospital ship Uganda, and took on board 47 of our wounded. It is now en route to Port Fox and Port Howard where it intends to pick up the wounded from that area, and arrangements have been made for it then to transfer all the wounded to the mainland."

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(Signed) Arnaldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador
