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LETTER DATED 10 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

On express instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following communiqués issued by the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

Communiqué No. 143 of 9 June 1982

"The Joint General Staff announces that in the last hours of yesterday, 8 June 1982, the following events took place in the Malvinas area:

- 1. At 2200 hours enemy troops from the Mount Kent area attempted to infiltrate the centre of our defences and were repulsed after intense combat with units of the Argentine Army.
- At 2230 hours the aforementioned area was the centre of a violent artillery duel.
- In the Puerto Enriqueta sector, 5 kilometres south of Puerto Argentino, an attempted landing by United Kingdom commandos was repulsed by our forces.
- 4. In the course of the above-mentioned events there were no casualties or damage suffered by Argentine forces."

Communiqué No. 144 of 9 June 1982

"The Joint General Staff announces that today, 9 June 1982, the following events took place in the Malvinas area:

 Between 0800 and 1600 hours the enemy staged artillery attacks, which were answered by our own forces. They neutralized the United Kingdom batteries, which remained silent after 1600 hours and did not return the fire. S/15192 English Page 2

- 2. At 1125 hours the enemy carried out an air attack on Argentine positions, which was repulsed. As a result, two United Kingdom Harrier aircraft are reported to have been damaged.
- 3. Enemy personnel and helicopters operating in the Mount Kent area were shot down by artillery of the Argentine Army.
- 4. The Argentine Air Force carried out attacks upon enemy personnel and equipment.
- 5. The United Kingdom operation carried out at Pleasant Bay is being analysed and evaluated with a view to determining the possibility that the enemy forces have carried out their intent to land and determining the enemy troop strength remaining after the Argentine attack."

The above-described military actions of the Argentine Armed Forces were carried out by the Argentine people and Government in exercise of the right of self-defence provided for in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request you, Sir, to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Arnoldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador