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Chapman*

*12:30*



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 May 1982

*PM agreed without  
amendments. FCO informed  
13:30 pm  
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*Den Johnston*

Falklands: Rio Treaty Meeting

In his telegram of 28 April, the Uruguayan Foreign Minister, as President of the Meeting of Consultation under the Rio Treaty, conveyed to the Prime Minister the message contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution passed at the meeting, appealing for Britain to cease hostilities and for a truce to be called.

I recommend that the Prime Minister should reply, and attach a suggested draft telegram for this purpose.

*G. J. P. Fall*

(B J P Fall)  
Private Secretary

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	14	YOUR TELNO 1491: FALKLANDS: RIO TREATY RESOLUTION
	15	1. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the resolution passed on
	16	26 April, Valdes Otero, as Chairman of the Consultation Meeting,
	17	has transmitted to the Prime Minister a message dated 28 April
	18	conveying the appeals in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution.
	19	2. Please deliver to the OAS in Washington the following reply
	20	from the <u>Prime Minister</u> to Valdes Otero.
	21	Begins. 'To His Excellency Estanislao Valdes Otero President of
///	22	the 20th Meeting of Consultation Of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
//	23	Thank you for your letter of 28 April drawing to my attention
/	24	paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Resolution which was adopted by the
	25	Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs at its

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2 second plenary session on 26 April, and enclosing a copy of the  
3 Resolution.

4 I note with regret that the resolution takes no account of the  
5 fact that it is Argentina which bears the responsibility for  
6 initiating hostilities by its unlawful invasion of the Falkland  
7 Islands and the Dependencies on 2 and 3 April; and for  
8 continuing them by building up its presence on the islands in  
9 defiance of a mandatory resolution of the Security Council of  
10 the United Nations, which unequivocally demands the immediate  
11 withdrawal of all Argentine forces. The British Government,  
12 for its part, ~~wishes a peaceful solution to the present~~ *continues to make every effort to achieve a negotiated*  
13 ~~situation, and has for over three weeks been seeking to achieve~~ *to*  
14 ~~this in accordance with Security Council resolution 502 of the~~  
15 ~~UN Security Council, which calls for the withdrawal of all~~ *But in*  
16 ~~Argentine forces.~~ *must* ~~In~~ view of Argentina's failure to comply  
17 with this resolution, Britain ~~reserves~~ *must* the right to exercise its  
18 inherent right of self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of  
19 the UN Charter of the United Nations. Margaret Thatcher, Prime  
20 Minister' ends.

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