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 YOUR TELNO 156: BRAZILIAN REACTIONS

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1. YOUR PARAGRAPH 1. PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO HAS ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. TEXT AS FOLLOWS.  
 QUOTE. DISTRESSED BY THE SACRIFICE OF HUMAN LIVES, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY FELT WHEN IT AFFECTS TWO FRIENDLY PEOPLES. I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY SYMPATHY FOR THE CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THE ATTACK ON 'SHEFFIELD' AS WELL AS MY FERVENT WISHES THAT THE PARTIES SHALL SUCCEED IN FINDING A WAY OF HONOURABLY PUTTING AN END TO VIOLENCE. HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS.  
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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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1. President Figueiredo has sent a message of sympathy to the Prime Minister over the loss of life from the sinking of HMS Sheffield. I recommend that a reply should be sent and submit a draft telegram to the Embassy in Brasilia.
2. Following concern over the escalation of the conflict in the South Atlantic there is increasing pressure in Brazil both in the media and Congress for the Government to adopt a more active role. A reply to President Figueiredo would provide a valuable opportunity to put across our case at a time when we need their understanding.

R. J. Chase

R J Chase  
South America Department  
233 4970

7 May 1982

cc: PS/Mr Onslow  
Mr Giffard  
Mr Fearn, Emergency Unit  
Mr Ure

PS

1. We spoke and I have amended the draft message to President Figueiredo covered by Mr Chase's submission. I also attach a draft letter to the Private Secretary, No 10.

P. R. Fearn

P R Fearn  
Emergency Unit

9 May 1982

cc: PS/Mr Onslow  
Mr Giffard  
Mr Chase, SAmD  
Mr Ure

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET  
THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND LONDON

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HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

JOAO BAPTISTA DE OLIVEIRA FIGUEIREDO  
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF  
BRAZIL

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