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LETTER DATED 15 MAY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to inform the Security Council of the tragic consequences of the acts of aggression being committed by the United Kingdom in the region of the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, in violation of the United Nations Charter and of Security Council resolution 502 (1982):

1. On 14 May, the Argentine Air Force issued the following communiqué:

"The Argentine Air Force regrets to announce that, as a result of the air action undertaken against incursion vessels in the Malvinas Islands, Lieutenant Jorge Ricardo FARIAS and Lieutenant Jorge Eduardo CASCO disappeared in combat.

"The members of the families of the aforementioned personnel have been duly notified."

2. On the same date, the Joint General Staff issued the following information, which should be added to that provided to the Security Council in document S/15032:

"The Joint General Staff announces that, following the sinking of the cruiser General Belgrano of the Argentine Navy, the following news has been received concerning its crew:

1. 790 persons recovered, of whom 20 were found dead.
2. 301 persons missing.

"The names of the dead and missing were given to the members of their families by the Force concerned."

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3. On 14 May, the Joint General Staff announced that at 0710 hours on that date two British Sea Harrier aircraft bombed the area of Puerto Argentino and were driven off by anti-aircraft guns.

Attention is drawn to the aggravating circumstance that action such as that described in this letter is taking place while the Secretary-General, with the knowledge of the Security Council, is making efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the question.

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

(Signed) Eduardo A. ROCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
