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US VOTE ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS RESOLUTION  
IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Q. How will the U.S. vote on the resolution the Argentines will submit to the General Assembly.

A. We will vote for it.

Q. Why?

A. ~~We have given careful consideration to the revised~~

~~resolution and have come to the conclusion that~~ in its present

form it does not prejudice the position of either party in the

Falklands dispute. *Because it* ~~We are pleased that the resolution~~

acknowledges that both parties have announced the intention not

to resort to hostilities, ~~that the resolution does not prejudice~~

the sovereignty issue, and ~~that it reaffirms the need to take~~

into account the interests of the population. ↗

*(Make more positive)*

Q. Have the British been informed of the US position?

A. Of course, and we carefully explained to our British friends our reasoning for supporting the resolution.

Q. Do you think the resolution will spur the British to early resumption of negotiations on the dispute?

A. We do not know. The resolution does not impose any timetable for discussions, but we believe and hope that both parties will begin a process that will ultimately resolve this dispute peaceably.



Q. In view of the British position not to resume early negotiations, does not the resolution in effect set a deadline by asking the Secretary General to report at the next General Assembly?

A. This is not a negotiating deadline. As the Falklands has regularly been before the General Assembly, a status report on developments is quite normal.

Q. Why did the US decide to support the resolution?

A. ~~As I said, we do not find anything in it to be prejudicial to the positions of either party.~~ We also feel it to be important that this dispute be resolved by peaceful means and in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. Force must never again be used to decide the outcome of the dispute.

(Make positive don't apologize)

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Q. Has Mrs Thatcher communicated with the President on this resolution?

A. It would not be appropriate to comment on <sup>private</sup> correspondence between heads of government. We have been in close touch with both the British and the Argentines on the resolution.

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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON FALKLANDS RESOLUTION  
REF: A. STATE 306086

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT

2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED, EFFECTIVE 5:00 PM NOVEMBER 1, TO  
INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER AGUIRRE LANARI, LATIN AMERICAN  
CO-SPONSORS AND OTHERS, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT THE UNITED  
STATES IS PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION ON THE  
FALKLANDS/MALVINAS QUESTION AS MODIFIED ON OCTOBER 30  
(REFTEL). TEXT IN PARA 4 BELOW.

3. SEPTEL CONTAINS MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER.  
IN ADDITION, WE WILL BE SENDING MESSAGE TO OUR EMBASSIES  
IN LATIN AMERICAN POSTS WHICH CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION.

4. -- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

-- HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
(MALVINAS),

-- REALIZING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF COLONIAL SITUATION  
IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IDEAL OF UNIVER-  
SAL PEACE,

-- RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER  
1960, 2065 (XX) OF 16 DECEMBER 1965, 3160 (XXVIII) OF  
14 DECEMBER 1973 AND 31/49 OF 1 DECEMBER 1976,

-- RECALLING FURTHER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 502  
(1982) OF 3 APRIL 1982 AND 505 (1952) OF 26 MAY 1982,

-- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTENCE OF A DE FACTO CES-  
SATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THE IN-  
TENTION OF NOT RESUMING THEM EXPRESSED BY THE PARTIES,

-- REAFFIRMING THE NEED THAT THE PARTIES TAKE DULY INTO  
ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE ISLANDS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 3065 (XX) OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY,

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-- REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER ON THE NON USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT OF THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES,

1. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO FIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE RELATING TO THE QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS). ,

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ON THE BASIS OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO UNDERTAKE A RENEWED MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST MADE IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE TAKING ADEQUATE MEASURES WITH THAT AIM.

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. ,

4. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION THE ITEM ENTITLED "QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)." SHULTZ  
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NOVEMBER 2, 1982

DEAR MARGARET:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE AND WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE TO BOTH OF US.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, HAVING JUST PAID SO MUCH IN BLOOD AND TREASURE TO REPULSE THE ARGENTINE INVASION. WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO PRESS YOU -- OR TO SEE YOU BE PRESSED -- INTO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE YOU ARE READY. EQUALLY, WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER THAT IS IN ANY WAY PREJUDICIAL TO YOUR POSITION ON THE QUESTIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. INDEED RESOLUTION 1514 CONTAINS STRONGER REFERENCES TO SELF-DETERMINATION THAN IT DOES TO THE PRINCIPLE THE ARGENTINES PROCLAIM, "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

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MARGARET. MY COUNTRY HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED YOU AND ALWAYS WILL IN DEFEATING ANY EFFORT TO SOLVE THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE BY FORCE. YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN NEUTRAL ON THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS FAVORED PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE BY NEGOTIATION. I AM WELL AWARE THAT IT WAS THE ARGENTINES THAT INTERRUPTED NEGOTIATIONS BY ATTACKING THE ISLANDS. BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT IN ITSELF IS REASON NOT TO SUPPORT A SOLUTION BY NEGOTIATIONS SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. IT IS HARD FOR THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE ANY OTHER POSITION.

READING YOUR MESSAGE, I BELIEVE MORE WEIGHT OUGHT TO BE GIVEN TO THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION AS IT NOW STANDS. THE BRAZILIAN AMENDMENTS HAVE MADE IT MUCH LESS OBJECTIONABLE. IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THIS NEW TEXT THAT MY COLLEAGUES INFORMED ARGENTINA AND OTHER SPONSORS THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT IT. IN PARTICULAR, THE REFERENCES TO DE FACTO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND THE INTENTION OF THE PARTNERS NOT TO RENEW THEM TAKES US A GOOD WAY TOWARDS THE FORMAL RENUNCIATION OF HOSTILITIES WE BOTH HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR. ALTHOUGH I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU THAT THEY ARE NOT EQUIVALENT.

AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE, OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL PUT CLEARLY ON RECORD OUR VIEWS THAT FORCE MUST NOT BE USED AGAIN TO SOLVE THE DISPUTE, THAT THE UNDERLYING QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IS NOT AND CANNOT BE PREJUDICED BY THE RESOLUTION, AND THAT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE ISLANDERS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

I AM TRULY SORRY THAT WE DISAGREE ON THIS MATTER AND FOR MY PART WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT ABUSED. YOU MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THE JOINTLY SHARED PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES THROUGH THE FALKLANDS CRISIS TO ITS SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

WITH BEST WISHES,

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11-2-82  
November 2, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*  
SUBJECT: Reply to Margaret Thatcher on the Falklands

Mrs. Thatcher has sent you a second message on the Argentinian U.N. resolution on the Falklands. Her earlier message of October 25 objected to the original Argentinian resolution. This latest message says that even the revised version of the resolution is unacceptable to the United Kingdom, and urges the U.S. to vote against it:

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She requests that if the United States cannot bring itself to vote against the resolution, it abstain. (S)

In addition to informing the U.K., we have told many Latin American countries that we will vote for the improved Argentinian resolution: there is no question now of changing our position. A reply for your signature at Tab I informs Mrs. Thatcher once again that we cannot support the British position that there should be no negotiations on the Falklands, and requests that our vote not raise a public division between the U.S. and the U.K. (S)

RECOMMENDATION

OK                      NO

—                      —                      That you approve the attached message to Mrs. Thatcher at Tab A.

Tab A                      Letter to Thatcher

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Dear Margaret:

I have just received your message and would like to respond immediately, given the importance of the issue to both of us.

I fully understand that negotiations are not acceptable to you, having just paid so much in blood and treasure to repulse the Argentine invasion. We have no intention to press you -- or to see you be pressed -- into negotiations before you are ready. Equally, we have no intention to take a position on the substance of the matter that is in any way prejudicial to your position on the questions of sovereignty and self-determination. ~~In this regard our own specialists are quite sure that no element of the text undercuts your legal position.~~ Indeed Resolution 1514 contains stronger references to self-determination than it does to the principle the Argentines proclaim, "territorial integrity."

Margaret, my country has always supported you and always will in defeating any effort to solve the Falklands dispute by force. You know that we have always been neutral on the question of sovereignty. And we have always favored peaceful solution of the issue by negotiation. I am well aware that it was the Argentines that interrupted negotiations by attacking the islands. But I do not think that in itself is reason not to support a solution by negotiations sometime in the future. It is hard for the United States to have any other position.

Reading your message, I believe more weight ought to be given to the text of the resolution as it now stands. The Brazilian amendments have made it much less objectionable. It was on the basis of this new text that my colleagues informed Argentina and other sponsors that we would support it. In particular, the references to de facto cessation of hostilities and the intention of the partners not to renew them takes us a good ways towards the formal renunciation of hostilities we both have been working for, although I would agree with you that they are not equivalent.

At the time of the vote, our representative will put clearly on record our views that force must not be used again to solve the dispute, that the underlying question of sovereignty is not and cannot be prejudiced by the resolution, and that the aspirations of the islanders must be taken into account.

I am truly sorry that we disagree on this matter and for my part will do everything in my power to make sure this resolution is not abused. You may be confident that the United States will continue to abide by the jointly shared principles which guided both our countries through the Falklands crisis to its successful conclusion.

With best wishes.

Ron

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Dear Margaret: LOJ NARA, DATE 1/28/08

I have given careful consideration to the issues raised by your letter of October 25. I understand the importance to you of the United Nations resolution on the Falklands, and appreciate your concerns.

When we were first approached by the Argentine representatives on their proposed resolution, we made very clear our objection to much of its content. They were the same objections which your letter identifies. We emphasized that the United States could not accept any resolution which prejudged the questions of sovereignty or the outcome of any negotiation. We further stressed that we could not support any resolution with unrealistic deadlines on negotiations or other processes of peaceful settlement.

Argentina, however, now proposes to delete references to the Non-Aligned Movement's communiques which specifically prejudge the question of sovereignty, to reaffirm expressly principles of the UN Charter concerning non-use of force in international relations, and to make other changes which make the resolution more moderate. While the revised version suggests negotiations at an earlier rather than later date, we do not consider this to be a strict deadline. We conclude that the resolution in its revised form does not legally prejudice the position of either party in the dispute.

The United Kingdom is justifiably concerned that there was no reference to the recent hostilities or to self-determination in the resolution. The most recent revisions to the draft expressly refer to the cessation of hostilities and the intention of the parties not to renew them, coupled with reaffirmation of the principles of non-use of force and peaceful resolution of disputes.

The United States assumes that any negotiations undertaken by the United Kingdom and Argentina would necessarily take into account the views of the Falkland Islanders. The reference to Resolution 1514 of the General Assembly underscores the principle of self-determination, and the revised draft now expressly refers to the necessity of taking the interests of the Islanders into account.

Our support for your position during the hostilities was based on our strong belief that disputes between countries should be resolved peacefully and in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. We continue to hold that belief and support your position that any solution to the problem must be accomplished in the context of all relevant elements of the UN Charter. We do not believe, however, that the resolution, as currently written, prejudices that position and consider that it is moderately positive in reaffirming the fundamental obligations of the Charter concerning the non-use of force. For these reasons we believe it reasonable now to vote for the substantially modified resolution.

We understand your reluctance to enter into negotiations when loss of life remains fresh in everyone's mind; we can appreciate your desire for a cooling off period and more concrete evidence from Argentina that it will not resort again to further use of force. Nevertheless, we believe it is important that the options of negotiations or other means of peaceful settlement not be foreclosed, particularly in light of the fact that the Government of Argentina now suggesting negotiations is a different one from the one which launched the aggression.

Margaret, I know how you have anguished over this conflict from the beginning. Your courage and leadership throughout have



been a source of deep personal inspiration to me. I count it as a privilege to have been able to support you and Britain at this critical moment. You may be absolutely confident that I would do it all again the same way.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ron



..The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Realizing that the maintenance of colonial situations is incompatible with the United Nations ideal of universal peace,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 3160 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 31/49 of 1 December 1976,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 502 (1982) of 3 April 1982 and 505 (1982) of 26 May 1982,

Taking into account the existence of a de facto cessation of hostilities in the South Atlantic and the intention of not resuming them expressed by the parties,

Reaffirming the need that the parties take duly into account the interests of the population of the Islands in accordance with Resolution 1065 (XX) of the General Assembly,

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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NOVEMBER 2, 1982

DEAR MARGARET:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE AND WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE TO BOTH OF US.

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WITH BEST WISHES,

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*(This is a copy of the original document as it appeared in 1952.)*

Dear Margaret:

I have just received your message and would like to respond immediately, given the importance of the issue to both of us.

I fully understand that negotiations are not acceptable to you, having just paid so much in blood and treasure to repulse the Argentine invasion. We have no intention to press you -- or to see you be pressed -- into negotiations before you are ready. Equally, we have no intention to take a position on the substance of the matter that is in any way prejudicial to your position on the questions of sovereignty and self-determination. ~~In this regard our own specialists are quite sure that no element of the text undercuts your legal position.~~ Indeed Resolution 1514 contains stronger references to self-determination than it does to the principle the Argentines proclaim, "territorial integrity."

Margaret, my country has always supported you and always will in defeating any effort to solve the Falklands dispute by force. You know that we have always been neutral on the question of sovereignty. And we have always favored peaceful solution of the issue by negotiation. I am well aware that it was the Argentines that interrupted negotiations by attacking the islands. But I do not think that in itself is reason not to support a solution by negotiations sometime in the future. It is hard for the United States to have any other position.

Reading your message, I believe more weight ought to be given to the text of the resolution as it now stands. The Brazilian amendments have made it much less objectionable. It was on the basis of this new text that my colleagues informed Argentina and other sponsors that we would support it. In particular, the references to de facto cessation of hostilities and the intention of the partners not to renew them takes us a good ways towards the formal renunciation of hostilities we both have been working for, although I would agree with you that they are not equivalent.

At the time of the vote, our representative will put clearly on record our views that force must not be used again to solve the dispute, that the underlying question of sovereignty is not and cannot be prejudiced by the resolution, and that the aspirations of the islanders must be taken into account.

I am truly sorry that we disagree on this matter and for my part will do everything in my power to make sure this resolution is not abused. You may be confident that the United States will continue to abide by the jointly shared principles which guided both our countries through the Falklands crisis to its successful conclusion.

With best wishes.

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BY: NAJ NARA, DATE 1/28/08  
Dear Margarets:

I have given careful consideration to the issues raised by your letter of October 25. I understand the importance to you of the United Nations resolution on the Falklands, and appreciate your concerns.

When we were first approached by the Argentine representatives on their proposed resolution, we made very clear our objection to much of its content. They were the same objections which your letter identifies. We emphasized that the United States could not accept any resolution which prejudged the questions of sovereignty or the outcome of any negotiation. We further stressed that we could not support any resolution with unrealistic deadlines on negotiations or other processes of peaceful settlement.

Argentina, however, now proposes to delete references to the Non-Aligned Movement's communiques which specifically prejudge the question of sovereignty, to reaffirm expressly principles of the UN Charter concerning non-use of force in international relations, and to make other changes which make the resolution more moderate. While the revised version suggests negotiations at an earlier rather than later date, we do not consider this to be a strict deadline. We conclude that the resolution in its revised form does not legally prejudice the position of either party in the dispute.

The United Kingdom is justifiably concerned that there was no reference to the recent hostilities or to self-determination in the resolution. The most recent revisions to the draft expressly refer to the cessation of hostilities and the intention of the parties not to renew them, coupled with reaffirmation of the principles of non-use of force and peaceful resolution of disputes.

The United States assumes that any negotiations undertaken by the United Kingdom and Argentina would necessarily take into account the views of the Falkland Islanders. The reference to Resolution 1514 of the General Assembly underscores the principle of self-determination, and the revised draft now expressly refers to the necessity of taking the interests of the Islanders into account.

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We understand your reluctance to enter into negotiations when loss of life remains fresh in everyone's mind; we can appreciate your desire for a cooling off period and more concrete evidence from Argentina that it will not resort again to further use of force. Nevertheless, we believe it is important that the options of negotiations or other means of peaceful settlement not be foreclosed, particularly in light of the fact that the Government of Argentina now suggesting negotiations is a different one from the one which launched the aggression.

Margaret, I know how you have anguished over this conflict from the beginning. Your courage and leadership throughout have



been a source of deep personal inspiration to me. I count it as a privilege to have been able to support you and Britain at this critical moment. You may be absolutely confident that I would do it all again the same way.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ron

..The General Assembly,

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November 2, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIS *DB* BLAIR

SUBJECT: Reply to Mrs. Thatcher's Second Message on the Falklands

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the President forwarding for his approval a reply to Mrs. Thatcher's latest blast.

The President's letter says that the United States will be careful in its public commentary on our vote not to offend British sensibilities. Attached for your signature is a memo to Secretary Shultz forwarding a copy of the President's letter and requesting him to ensure that responsible officials and spokesmen are informed of the President's wishes. (S)

RECOMMENDATION

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- —            That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.
- —            That you sign the memorandum to Secretary Shultz at Tab II once the President approves the message to Mrs. Thatcher.

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