

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 99 OF 2 APRIL
AND TO CERTAIN OTHER POSTS (DESKBY)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER TO THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED.
BEGINS:

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S INVASION OF THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS, FOLLOWING THEIR REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSAL FOR
CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES WILL I FEAR HAVE THE GRAVEST
CONSEQUENCES. I AM SENDING THIS BRIEF MESSAGE TO YOU AND ALL
OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT IN
GIVING THE STRONGEST AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION TO
ACTIONS WHICH ARE DESTRUCTIVE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-
DETERMINATION AND THE REJECTION OF COERCION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF
POLICY WHICH WE HAVE ALL SUPPORTED FOR SO MANY YEARS AND TO
WHICH COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIBED IN THE
DECLARATION OF COMMONWEALTH PRINCIPLES WHEN THEY MET IN
SINGAPORE IN JANUARY 1971. ENDS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STIMULATE CONDEMNATION OF
THE ARGENTINE ACTION AND STATEMENTS PRESSING FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE
WITHDRAWAL, DRAWING ON OUR STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE RIGHT OF SELF-
DEFENCE IS APPLICABLE.

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