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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

7 JAN - 13 JAN 1983

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From: Captain R D DalGLISH R ANGLIAN
ADC to Commander British Forces
HEADQUARTERS, BRITISH FORCES
FALKLAND ISLANDS, BFPO 666

Mr A Logan
Duty Clerk
10 Downing Street
London

Your reference

Our reference Comd/24

Date 29 March 1983

Dear Mr Logan

SIGNALS CBFFI TO PM/PM TO CBFFI REFERENCE COASTEL

Apologies for the delay but here at last are the two signals you asked for. Though stamped Confidential, the subject matter is obviously no longer classified.

yours sincerely

Rd DalGLISH

dated 12.1.83

RR FCO

No. 10 DOWNING ST.
(MR LOGAN)

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FOR 10 DOWNINGST (ATTN LOGAN) FROM ADC/CBF. YR LETTER 15 MAR 83
TO ELSPETH DISNEY. TWO SIGNALS FINALLY LOCATED AND IN POST
BT

NO DISTRIBUTION

THIS TELEGRAM
WAS NOT
ADVANCED

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10 DOWNING STREET

15 March, 1983

Dear Elopeth

Thank you for your letter dated 28 February, 1983.

Unfortunately, to date I have not received the telegrams which, you stated, HQ BFFI would be forwarding under separate cover.

I am sorry to keep troubling you over this but I should be grateful if you would pursue this and ask HQ BFFI to forward further copies marked personally to me at this address.

Then you will, as you said, be able to get on with the many other "important" things which need your attention.

Enjoy your fish and chips!

Regards
Logie

A. LOGAN
Duty Clerk

Miss E. Disney

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PM to
col.

9 March 1983

I return the Visitors Book from
RAF Stanley duly signed by the Prime Minister
as you requested in your letter of 7 March.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Miss W. Anderton,
Ministry of Defence.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-218 2111/3 (Direct Dialling)

01-218 9000 (Switchboard)

MO 5/21

7th March 1983

Dear Caroline,

I have been asked to pass to you the enclosed Visitors Book from RAF Stanley with a request from Commander British Forces Falkland Islands for the Prime Minister's signature.

I should be very grateful if Mrs Thatcher could spare a moment to do this please.

Yours sincerely

(W ANDERTON) (MISS)

Miss C M Stephens



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

28 February 1983

A Logan Esq
Duty Clerk
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Log.e

Many thanks for returning our Visitors Book in time for the 150th Celebrations; and for getting everyone to sign it for us.

MA
With great difficulty we have tracked down the telegrams which the General sent to the Prime Minister and her reply. I gather that HQ BFFI are forwarding them under separate cover and I hope you have received them by now. Sorry for the delay - the General had them in his briefcase, unbeknown to the ADC!

The 150th went off reasonably well, despite damp windy weather and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Now we can get on with the 1001 other things that need our attention!

love

Elsbeth



Mr. Tows

10 DOWNING STREET

15 February 1983

Dear Mr. Attfield

FALKLAND WREATHS

Please find enclosed the bill from Moyses Stevens Limited for the wreaths which the Prime Minister laid during her visit to the Falkland Islands last month.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this account to be settled in due course.

Yours sincerely

A. X. X.

Very truly

L. Attfield, Esq.,
Management and Personnel Office.

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From: N J S Abbot, Private Secretary to
E Broadbent CB CMG, Second Permanent
Under Secretary of State



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) 01-218 -7115

(Switchboard) 01-218 9000

14 February 1983

John Coles Esq
10 Downing Street
SW1

Dear John,

FALKLANDS WREATHS

The bill for the Prime Minister's Falklands wreaths has arrived, and I am forwarding it to you for settlement under cover of this letter.

2. If the wreaths were satisfactory, I believe that Mr. Broadbent would like to write a note of thanks to Moyses Stevens. Could you perhaps get someone to ring and tell me whether this would be in order?

*Informed that we would be delighted if he would do so.
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Yours sincerely,

Norman Abbot.

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING
WHITEHALL
LONDON S.W.1.

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att AIR Commodore J.W. Frost
(RICHMOND TERRACE ENTRANCE)

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MOYSES STEVENS LTD BERKELEY SQ. W.1.
TEL. 01-493 8171

VAT Reg. No. 239 4001 81 (2) 371126757

RED/WHITE/BLUE:

5 Wreaths @ £40 each

£200.00

5 Boxes - Packaging

@ £3.50 each £17.50

Del: 1.50

(45)

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Air Commodore J.W. Frost

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MR LOGAN

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE
FALKLANDS: 7/13 JANUARY 1983

Thank you for your minute of 11 February.

The multiple claim for subsistence has been approved and the people concerned will be receiving a payable order from the Chessington Computer Centre in the course of the next few days.

I note that Mr Thatcher will not be submitting a claim.



L J ATTFIELD
Finance Officer

14 February 1983



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr. Butler

Mr. Loper

I too am happy about this.

2. Mr. Thatcher will probably not

want any submissions - Mr. Loper

Done
to

to deal with Caroline please.

3. Robin - how much do I owe
you? Document. $\frac{14}{2}$.

A. J. C. $\frac{14}{2}$.

PM Tour
CAB 1

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10 DOWNING STREET

MR. ATTFIELD,
CABINET OFFICE.

Prime Minister's Visit to the Falklands: 7/13 January 1983

I understand that members of the Prime Minister's party who visited the Falklands last month are entitled to subsistence allowances, as detailed in Mike Hall's letter to me of 10 February (a copy of which I attach for reference).

I should, therefore, be grateful if you would arrange for payment to be made to the following people at No.10:

Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher	£44.10
Mr. F.E.R. Butler	£44.10
Mr. A.J. Coles	£44.10
Mr. B. Ingham	£44.10
Mr. A. Logan	£44.10

Mr. Thatcher does not wish to claim on this occasion and I understand that separate arrangements have already been made for Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse.

A. Logan
Duty Clerk

11 February 1983

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1. Mr. Bylles
2. Mr. Allen

I never expected
reimbursement of tips. Quite
happy with what is proposed
below.

FERS

Please find attached response
to my inquiries about
subsistence allowances in respect
of our visit to the Falklands.
You will note from para 4
that unfortunately no reimbursement
is permissible in respect of
tipping - the subsistence allowance
is expected to cover this expense.

Can I leave it to you to
engage between you about
"squaring" on this issue.

I will write to Mr. and
claim for each of us
accordingly. Love 11/2



Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH

Telephone 01- 273 3632

Alan Logan Esq
No 10
Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference

Date

10 February 1983

Dear Alan,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: 7/13 JANUARY 1983

1. Thank you for your letter of 8 February in which you raised the question of subsistence and other possible payments to the Prime Minister's party which visited the Falkland Islands last month.

2. There is a single subsistence rate for Port Stanley and this is £26.45 per night. On the basis that all members of the party were accommodated in HMG staff houses or equivalent with all found, those concerned would be entitled to one-third subsistence per night with the exception of Mr Thatcher who would be entitled to three-quarters of one-third. On the basis of a 5 night stay in Port Stanley on these terms the entitlements would be as follows:-

Prime Minister	-	£44.10	→
Mr Thatcher	-	£33.08	
Mr Butler	-	£44.10	
Mr Coles	-	£44.10	
Mr Ingham	-	£44.10	
Mr Logan	-	£44.10.	

As far as Admiral Fieldhouse is concerned, we understand that the MPO were meeting all his expenses in connection with the visit, indeed as they did for the rest of the party. He, too, would be entitled to £44.10.

3. Regarding the tips which were distributed by the party at the end of their stay, I regret that no reimbursement is permissible, since the rate of one-third subsistence for those staying in staff houses is partly based on the assumption that tips will be paid to staff and gifts such as flowers, chocolates etc will be given to the host/hostess.



4. I am copying this letter to Lawrence Attfield at the MPO so that he is forewarned of the claim you will be about to submit to him.

*Yours ever,
Mike.*

M M Hall
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

cc: L Attfield Esq
Finance Officer
Management and Personnel Office
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London SW1

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Handwritten initials and scribbles in the top left corner.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

8 February, 1983.

My dear General,

Thank you for your letter of 3 February about Major Hambrook's progress. I am delighted to hear of the excellent progress he is making and that he is in such good heart. He clearly has some way to go yet before he is up and around, but with spirit like his, I am sure that he will be once again making a valuable contribution as soon as he possibly can. Perhaps you could ask the Adjutant General to pass on my best wishes to Major Hambrook on his next visit.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Stobart

Handwritten horizontal line.

General Sir John Stanier, G.C.B., M.B.E., A.D.C. Gen.

Handwritten initials in the bottom right corner.

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B/K



10 DOWNING STREET

[Handwritten signature]

8 February, 1983.

Prime Minister's Visit to the Falkland Islands:
7-13 January 1983

As you are aware, arrangements for the above trip were made under great secrecy and, therefore, no provision was made, prior to our departure, for any subsistence allowances which may have been due. I should be grateful, therefore, if consideration could now be given to payment of any allowances and reimbursements due to us on the following basis:-

The composition of the Prime Minister's party and respective accommodation for the period of 8-12 January inclusive was as follows:-

Prime Minister)
Mr. Thatcher) Government House
Mr. Butler)
Mr. Coles)

Mr. Ingham c/o Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Chief Secretary

*Admiral Sir J. Fieldhouse Britannia House

Mr. Logan c/o Mr. J. Chandler, FCO.

*I imagine subsistence, if appropriate, will be dealt with by the Admiralty.

Meals and accommodation were all paid, and, therefore, no "out of pocket" expenses were incurred except for:-

1. Tipping to the Governor's House Staff as follows:-

Prime Minister) £50
Mr. Thatcher)
Mr. Butler £36
Mr. Coles £10

Distributed to Chauffeur, Housekeeper, Cook and 2 Maids in Government House.

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The total amount was agreed with Lady Hunt, but the amounts actually donated by those stated above were made, not according to grade or rank but purely as a matter of convenience.

2. Mr. Ingham gave a present to Mr. and Mrs. Baker in thanks for accommodating him. This cost him £5 which he paid out of his own pocket.



A. Logan
Duty Clerk

M.M. Hall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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10 DOWNING STREET

7 February 1983

Sir Rex wrote to John Coles on 21 January asking the members of the Prime Minister's party to sign the Visitors Book which he enclosed.

This has now been done and I am therefore now returning it to you.

Incidentally, in my letter to you of 14 January I asked if, in due course, you would send me a copy of the telegram which General Thorne sent to the Prime Minister informing her of the successful positioning of Coastel I and the message of congratulations which the Prime Minister sent in reply. This was done during our stopover at Ascension Island.

To date, I have not received these and I would therefore be grateful if you could forward them (if you have of course not already done so) when time permits in order that I may complete our records.

A

A. LOGAN
Duty Clerk

Miss E. Disney.



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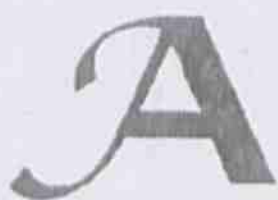
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CABINET OFFICE

With the compliments of
Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO
Secretary of the Cabinet

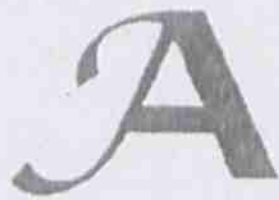
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PM's
Cab 1

Ad for Logan

MISS DOVER

As requested listed below are details of the flight sectors which relate to the aircrafts actually occupied by the Prime Minister's party.

	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
1.	UK ----- Ascension Island 7.1.83, 2100 GMT 8.1.83, 0600 GMT	RAF VC 10
2.	Ascension Island --- Falkland Islands 8.1.83, 0630 GMT 8.1.83, 1700 local	RAF Hercules
3.	Falkland Islands --- Ascension Island 12.1.83, 0900 local 12.1.83, 2300 GMT	RAF Hercules
4.	Ascension Island --- UK 12.1.83, 2400 GMT 13.1.83, 0900 GMT	RAF VC 10

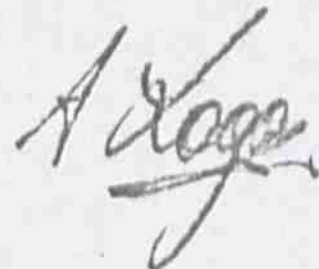
The party in each case comprised the following:-

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Prime Minister | Mr. Ingham |
| Mr. Thatcher | Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse |
| Mr. Butler | Mr. Logan |
| Mr. Coles | |

The sheet attached to your note details the total costs of the flights necessary to make the visit possible, *including*

(1) Cost of refuelling tankers and

(2) Cost of the Prime Minister's Hercules from the UK to Ascension Island and Ascension Island to the UK, even though the Prime Minister's party did not travel in the aircraft during these sectors.



A. LOGAN
Duty Clerk

1 February 1983

ALAN LOGIE

Alan

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS -
JANUARY 1983

I have received the attached MOD Account for payment in respect of the aircraft used on this visit.

However, before passing this to MPO, Finance Section, I need to know the passengers who travelled in the aircraft. I should be grateful if you would let me have names to correspond with the aircraft used as soon as possible so that I can pass the account for payment.

Ray Doves

31.1.83.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

REGISTRATION No. GD050

DGDA ACS 11 C2/4
MERSEY HOUSE, THE STRAND, LIVERPOOL L2 7PX
051-236-8080 EXT 468

DATE 26/01/83

TAX POINT 26/01/83

No. 091416

INVOICE No. 091416

MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL OFFICE
10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON
SW1A 2AA

Payment is now due for the stores/services listed below.
It is essential to return the tear-off portion or quote the
invoice number and amount when making payment.

YOUR PAYMENT CAN ONLY BE IDENTIFIED
BY THE INVOICE NUMBER

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS INVOICE MUST QUOTE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:—

VOICE No.	AGREEMENT/ACCOUNT No.	MOD REFERENCE No.	CUSTOMER ORDER/REFERENCE
091416	MANPEROFFMISC	S9B3 260	FLIGHTS
DESCRIPTION OF STORES/SERVICE			AMOUNT
SPECIAL RAF AIRCRAFT FOR RT HON MARGARET THATCHER PM TO VISIT FALKLAND ISLANDS IN JANUARY 1983			209,867.17
AS PER DOCUMENT(S) ATTACHED VAT ZERO RATE			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE £			209,867.17

METHODS OF PAYMENT

"The Accounting
Officer, M. O. D."

CHEQUES— Cheques should be made payable to **"The Accounting Officer"** and crossed **"Bank of England HM Paymaster General"**. They should be sent to the Receipts Cashier at the address below. Liverpool

BANK TRANSFER— Bank Giro Credits/Credit Transfers should be made payable to Bank of England, London ~~##02##~~ the invoice number and bank code 10 ~~000044~~ credit to Paymaster General Cash A/C (Def General Cash Acc 7B2)
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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

<p>THE RECEIPTS CASHIER DGDA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE MERSEY HOUSE THE STRAND LIVERPOOL L2 7PX MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL OFFICE 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SW1A 2AA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR MOD USE ONLY</p> <p>DATE 26/01/83 A/C NUMBER MANPEROFFMISC</p> <p>INVOICE No. 091416</p> <p>AMOUNT DUE 209,867.17</p> <p>CONTRA <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>SUSPENSE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>AMOUNT RECEIVED <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>PART PMT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>PRIOR YEAR <input type="checkbox"/></p>						
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SPECIAL RAF AIRCRAFT FOR RT HON MARGARET THATCHER (PRIME MINISTER)
TO VISIT FALKLAND ISLANDS IN JANUARY 1983.

PM's VC10

UK - Ascension Island - UK

17.40 hours flying time @ £2635 per hour : £46,551.61

PM's Hercules

UK - Ascension Island - Falkland Islands - Ascension Island - UK

55.00 hours flying time @ £1680 per hour : £92,400.00

3. Hercules Refuelled PM's Hercules at 2.

Tanker for Ascension Island - Falkland Islands Hercules leg.

9.00 hours flying time @ £1527 per hour : £13,743.00

4. Victor (Refuelled Hercules at 3.

Tanker for Ascension Island - Falkland Islands Hercules leg.

13.30 hours flying time @ £4235 per hour : £57,172.50

TOTAL = £209,867.12

10 DOWNING STREET

31 January, 1983

Dear Elspeth,

Thank you for your letter of
21 January.

I apologise for the slight hiccup
- it was ~~out~~ intention to send a signed
photograph with the frame. I now enclose
one.

Please give my regards to Karen
who I understand is due to join you shortly.

*Regards,
Alogie*

A. Logan (Duty Clerk)

Miss E. Disney
Falkland Islands



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

31 January, 1983.

I should be most grateful if you could make arrangements for Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse to sign the Falkland Islands Visitors Book under Mrs. Thatcher's name.

Could you please return it to me here as soon as possible for the other signatures.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Richard Mottram, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

The Old Rectory
Stanton
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
IP31 2BX
0359 50620

PM's FARKLANDS VISIT

Dear Prime Minister.

Thank you very much for your
letter and photograph you very kindly sent
me after you visit to the Falklands; all
very much appreciated.

David said you wish was a tremendous
success and everyone was thrilled to see you.
I was extremely sad, we were unable to go,
and I am rather envious of those going out
for the anniversary celebrations.

PM
call 1

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PPS

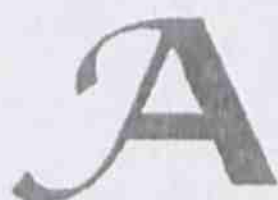
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David has written and talked a tape about
the places and people on the Islands over the last
seven months, and I shall ^{not} be seeing and
meeting them now.

Thank you again for finding time in your
very busy life to write and send the photographs

Yours Sincerely
Anne Khome

26th January 83



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

21 January 1983

Dear Laurie

Many thanks for all the bits and pieces you sent which are/will be most useful. Thank you also for the chocolates, which disappeared at an alarming rate, though fortunagely Duggie was removed to the Police Station before he could take too many!

HE received all the various photographs, letters etc. He also received a handsome photoframe - but we wonder whether it should have contained a photograph!!! Do you think you could find out whether they are being sent a photo separately and if not send one to me to put in it?!!

We are gradually coming to after the visit. HE put his feet up on Wednesday afternoon for half an hour and we never saw him again. He was pleased when he learnt the General had done the same - the first time anyone on his staff had known that to happen. You all obviously had far more stamina than us!

Maggie and Ruth are in the midst of farewell parties at the moment - their successors arrive on the St Helena tomorrow, and R&M depart on Tuesday.

Cant think of any more. Hope London isn't too cold and wet and miserable.

Elspeth

in ✓
Box
Please
return
to Laurie
a/jc
Signature



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

21 January 1983

A J Coles Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear John,

I am taking the opportunity of Jerry Wiggin's visit to send with his party the Government House visitors book which I forgot to ask the Prime Minister to sign.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to ask the Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher, Sir John Fieldhouse, Robin and Logie to sign the book, and also sign it yourself and return it to me in the bag.

I am most grateful for the letters and photographs of the Prime Minister which Jerry Wiggin's party brought down with them. All arrived safely and have been distributed.

*Yours etc,
Rex.*

Sir Rex Hunt
Civil Commissioner

SECRET

ACT 2000

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, 9 - 13 JANUARY 1983

The purpose of this note is to set out, for future reference, the procedure which I used in making the necessary departure arrangements for this particular trip. Because of its very nature, these arrangements involved logistical problems normally never encountered by a Duty Clerk when preparing for overseas trips, and hopefully, should the need arise again, the following will prove useful in achieving the desired results.

First and foremost my brief was to arrange for the transportation of all members of the party and their luggage leaving from No. 10 - Prime Minister, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Butler, Mr. Coles, Mr. Ingham and myself - on Friday 7 January to the point of departure from UK - RAF Brize Norton - whilst maintaining total secrecy of the visit. Disclosure of information about the proposed ^{VISIT} would have meant its immediate cancellation. Thus the element of surprise was all important

However, it was obvious from the beginning that it would be impossible to achieve these objectives without involving other people. The problem was to keep this to an absolute minimum and (apart from the military side of the affair which was to be handled totally by MOD) at what point those people should be informed and how much they need be told.

The first thing I did was to decide who these people should be:

1. DRIVERS

Having considered the full implications involved it was clear that I must use only our own drivers and in this instance only three.

2. PM'S PROTECTION

The Special Branch Officers had to be informed at some stage. This was done by Robin and John informing [redacted] who, it was agreed, would travel with the Prime Minister from No. 10 to RAF Brize Norton. Thereafter, the PM's protection would be the

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3. No. 10 STAFF

No other members of the No. 10 staff, including Private Secretaries not involved in the visit, Duty Clerks and Garden Room girls should have any knowledge of the visit. Nevertheless, as indicated further on in this note, this was not totally possible. The mere fact that conversations ^{took place} behind closed doors in the Private Office which included myself obviously brought attention to the fact that something was afoot.

However, in the event that I should be asked directly about a possible forthcoming trip and I considered the matter unavoidable, I was authorised to take the person to one side and inform them of the absolute minimum and swear them to secrecy. In such instances I should inform Robin or John.

4. WORKING IN CF

In conjunction with A. Davies-Jones, who had by this time been informed ^{by Robin Butler} / I considered it unavoidable that I would need to work from CF and that it would be impossible to do this without informing colleagues in CF of the work that I was engaged in.

This was done, but again, only the absolute minimum information *was* disclosed.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

My initial enquiries with Leslie Wright, Cabinet Office, indicated that whilst he was aware of something happening and had a good idea what it was, he had been excluded from any details. Working on that basis, without disclosing details of location, timings etc. I requested two Brahms with key tapes and two sets of codings for the RACAL sets which were already in my possession.

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The normal stationery box was prepared with the addition of No. 10 notepaper and envelopes which were obtained without reference to G.R. Whilst it would have been possible to obtain other despatch boxes (ie black, being less conspicuous than red) the shortage of time, the resulting excuses which would have been necessary and the need to inform the Front Door etc., etc., made this an unnecessary step.

7. LUGGAGE

I then had to consider firstly how the members of the party would bring in their luggage on Friday 7 January without suspicions being aroused, bearing in mind that not even the Front Doorman, Custodians or Police were aware of our plan. It was, therefore, necessary to inform the three drivers who would be involved and this was done on Thursday afternoon (6 January). In fact it turned out that only one driver (Joe Beattie) was informed of what was required; the other two (Tom Savage and Ken Godbeer) were not available at that time. Between the two of us we devised the following plan:-

- i) Cars to pick up Robin and John from home with luggage on Friday morning and bring to No. 10. Bernard in this instance would use his own car.
- ii) Their luggage to remain in these cars and for the drivers to transfer them into one car which I would use as the transport vehicle that evening.
- iii) My own luggage - I had no option but to bring this through the front door entrance and, if asked, I would say I was going away for the weekend.

It was decided that Tom Savage's car would be the transport vehicle for Friday evening and it was arranged that Mr. Butler's luggage would be transferred from Joe Beattie's car and Bernard Ingham's from his own car, during the course of Friday afternoon.

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The drivers arranged the timings between them and I obtained Bernard Ingham's car keys for them to do this. Thus the only remaining baggage was my own, the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's luggage, red boxes, briefcases, two Brahms and RACAL sets. So far as suitcases were concerned, there was no way in which we could arrange for the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's to be taken out of the building, other than by way of the Front Door, without it being obvious that something out of the ordinary was happening.

Indeed, the very fact that it was a Friday night lended itself readily to the pretence that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would be going to Chequers and, therefore, it would be normal for their luggage to be in the Front Hall, albeit slightly more than normal, viz a large hanging wardrobe. This could easily be explained away if necessary, by the fact that the Prime Minister's Dressmaker would be at Chequers during the weekend and that Mr. Thatcher would be going on somewhere else after the weekend.

However, choosing this method would have the following results:-

a) The GR girl and Switchboard Operators who were due to go to Chequers would either have to be informed before or after arriving for duty at No. 10 on the Friday afternoon. Attempting to advise them before would complicate matters and, therefore, it was decided to wait until after they arrived at No. 10 on that Friday afternoon before informing them that, whilst they would not be going to Chequers, the impression that they were had to be maintained.

b) No. 10 as a whole, including the Switchboard operators in the building, would be expecting the PM to arrive at Chequers at some point during Friday evening, as would staff at Chequers. Vera Thomas had, in fact, been given the minimum of information required and she advised her staff that the PM would not be arriving at Chequers until some time on Saturday 8 January. It therefore remained to inform our Switchboard operators, which I did when I informed the two operators due to go to Chequers, that they would need to play out their role by providing

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appropriate answers according to who asked the questions. By Friday evening, the Duty Private Secretary and Duty Clerk would also be made aware of the requirements and, therefore, should be consulted in cases of difficulty.

c) It was, therefore, necessary if we were to maintain the impression of a normal Friday evening for the GR girl and two Switchboard operators due to go to Chequers to leave No. 10 at the normal time, in the normal way.

Logistically, it proved necessary for them to leave slightly earlier than normal and Tom Savage was used to take them by car from No. 10 and drop them off at an appropriate point from whence they could make their way home.

d) However, having committed Tom to this he could not return to No. 10 to take me to the airport with all the luggage, some of which had yet to be loaded, viz. red boxes, my luggage, Brahms, Racal, the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's luggage. We therefore had to arrange in some way to get these remaining items out of No. 10. Red boxes at the Front Door would obviously cause some suspicion.

We decided that we could achieve this by Ken Godbeer taking the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's luggage out via the Front Door, as normal, loading it into his car. He would then bring his car round to the back door and the remaining items would then be transferred from CF to his car. Before doing so I would inform the Custodians that I would be using the back door "to take something out to Horseguards", thus avoiding any investigation when the alarms went off.

Ken would then transfer this luggage to Tom's car using the Private Garage facilities at Marsham Street. Ken would then return to No. 10 to wait for the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's departure.

As Tom could not return to No. 10 it was arranged that he would wait in Whitehall for me. I would then simply walk out the Front Door and make my way down to him, at the arranged time.

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This method would also be/in respect of Robin, John and Bernard who would leave ^{five} minutes before the Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's departure and make their way to Whitehall where Joe Beattie would be waiting. They would then wait until the Prime Minister's car turned into Whitehall and then follow behind.


It is, therefore, obvious that whilst the logistics, as summarised in the attached table, were theoretically operable, there was a certain element of risk involved and required a certain amount of luck to pull it off.

Return arrangements, whilst being much simpler, still involved the time of departure from the Falkland Islands to be kept secret.

There is, however, no point in detailing these arrangements for the record but suffice to say that similar but much less involved methods were necessary and worked equally well.

Arrangements for our cars to be at RAF Brize Norton at the appropriate time had been made prior to departure from the UK and the information left with the Duty Private Secretary for action at the proper time.

The results proved that the plan worked but whether or not it will be possible to use this method again will depend upon circumstances at the time.


A. LOGAN
DUTY CLERK
19 January 1983

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CAR PLAN

FRIDAY 7 JANUARY 1983

- 0800 Joe Beattie pick up FERB with luggage.
- 0830 Tom Savage pick up AJC with luggage. During the course of the day, FERB's and Bernard Ingham's luggage (the latter from his own car) to be transferred to Tom Savage's car.
- 1630 GR girl and two Switchboard operators leave No. 10 in Tom Savage's car with luggage and dropped off at points outside the immediate vicinity. They will make their way home. Tom Savage then to proceed to Private Garage, Marsham Street.
- 1645 Prime Minister's and Mr. Thatcher's luggage loaded into Ken Godbeer's car at Front Entrance, No. 10, then to proceed to Back Door, No. 10 where remainder of luggage held in CF will be loaded. Ken Godbeer then to proceed to Private Garage, Marsham Street to transfer luggage to Tom Savage's car.
- 1730 Tom Savage to be at entrance to Cabinet Office, Whitehall, to pick up A. Logan, Duty Clerk and proceed to RAF Brize Norton.
- 1840 Joe Beattie to be at entrance to Cabinet Office, Whitehall to pick up Messrs. Butler, Coles and Ingham. Then to wait until Prime Minister's car turns into Whitehall and then to follow.
- 1845 Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher depart No. 10 in Ken Godbeer's car with _____ as Protection Officer.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

A Logie Esq
No 10
Downing Street
LONDON, SW1A 2AH

14th January 1983

Rev Logie,

You may recall that you requested the address of Richard Matthews who was staying at Port Howard during the Prime Minister's visit. His address is:-

Vine Hall
Bethersden
Nr Ashford
Kent.

Yours ever

Julian

J Chandler



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: 7-13 JANUARY 1983

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE VISIT

<u>GIFT</u>	<u>RECEIVED FROM</u>
Hand Carved Polished penguin	Mr. and Mrs. J. White
Last 3 editions of F.I. Journal	Mr. S. Miller
Hand Made Metal Penguin	Mr. and Mrs. M. Butcher
Stanley Minefield Record Map and Ashtray (made from shell which PM fired)	General D.C. Thorne
Print of Falklands Birds	Carol and Ann Morrisson on behalf of children in Camp
Lambskin	Mr. R. Mathews
Stamp Album and First Day Covers	Mr. W.A. Etheridge, Post Office
Enamelled Box	Mr. R. Stewart
Ashtrays, Badge, Sweatshirt, Liberation Crown	People of Goose Green Settlement
Folder with card	J. Fowler (Teachers and children of school)
Red sweatshirt	Ist Batallion Royal Hampshire Regiment
Plaque and Picture Frame of HMS Antrim	Captain Young

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10 DOWNING STREET

14 January 1983

Dear Elspeth,

As requested please find enclosed copies of the Personality Notes for dinner on Saturday 8th, lunch on Sunday 9th and dinner on Monday 10th January.

I inadvertantly brought back some photographs which were meant for you, from the Padre. I am now returning these.

Finally, during our stopover at Ascension Island the Prime Minister received a telegram from General Thorne informing her that Coastel I had been successfully positioned. The Prime Minister sent a message of congratulations in reply. I should be grateful if, in due course, you would send me a copy of both telegrams, for the record.

Very best wishes to you all,

Logan

A LOGAN
Duty Clerk

Miss Elspeth Disney.

Gov-House

Falkland Islands.

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FROM CABINET OFFICE 141530Z JAN 83
TO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY
TELEGRAM NUMBER MISC 17 OF 14 JANUARY.

FOR CIVIL COMMISSIONER.
FROM PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE SENDING SIGNED LETTERS TO YOU AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHOM SHE MET ON THE CIVIL SIDE DURING HER VISIT (I AM TELEGRAPHING SEPARATELY TO THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER ABOUT LETTERS WHICH SHE IS SENDING TO HIS PEOPLE).

2. MEANWHILE, YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TODAY SIGNED A LETTER TO YOU, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW. SHOULD YOU WISH TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR STAFF BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THE SIGNED VERSION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

3. +MY VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAS A HISTORIC ONE, AND A VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. YOU WILL KNOW AS WELL AS ANYONE HOW MUCH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAVE BEEN IN MY HEART AND THOUGHTS OVER THE LAST YEAR. I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE WARMTH AND KINDNESS OF THE WELCOME I RECEIVED EVERYWHERE I WENT AND FROM EVERYONE I MET. I KNOW THAT WHAT WAS BEING EXPRESSED TO ME WAS THE LOYALTY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS TO BRITAIN AND THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE PROFESSIONALISM AND GALLANTRY OF THE TASK FORCE IN FREEING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM THE DOMINATION OF AN INVADER.

I WRITE TO THANK YOU BOTH, AND YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS TO MYSELF, MY HUSBAND, AND MY STAFF DURING OUR VISIT, AND FOR EVERYTHING WHICH WAS DONE TO ENABLE ME TO MEET SO MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLANDS AND TO SEE SOMETHING OF THEIR CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROBLEMS. I REALISE HOW VERY HARD ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION OF MY VISIT MUST HAVE HAD TO WORK, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE MADE WITH SO LITTLE NOTICE. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR A VISIT WHICH FROM MY POINT OF VIEW WAS SUCCESSFUL AS WELL AS UNFORGETTABLE, AND WHICH HAS HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND SO MUCH MORE OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE FUTURE.

MY HUSBAND JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR BEST WISHES TO BOTH OF YOU.+

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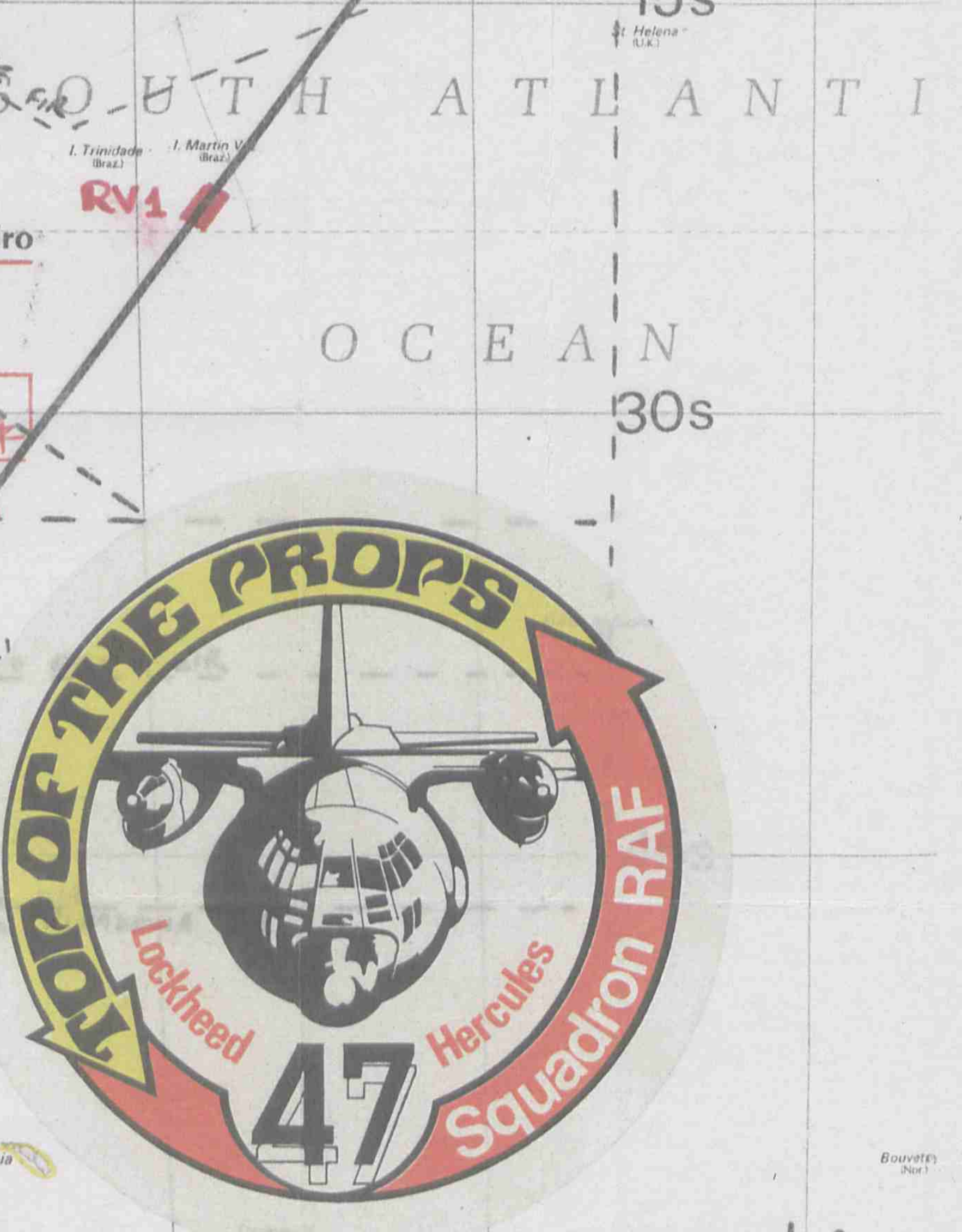
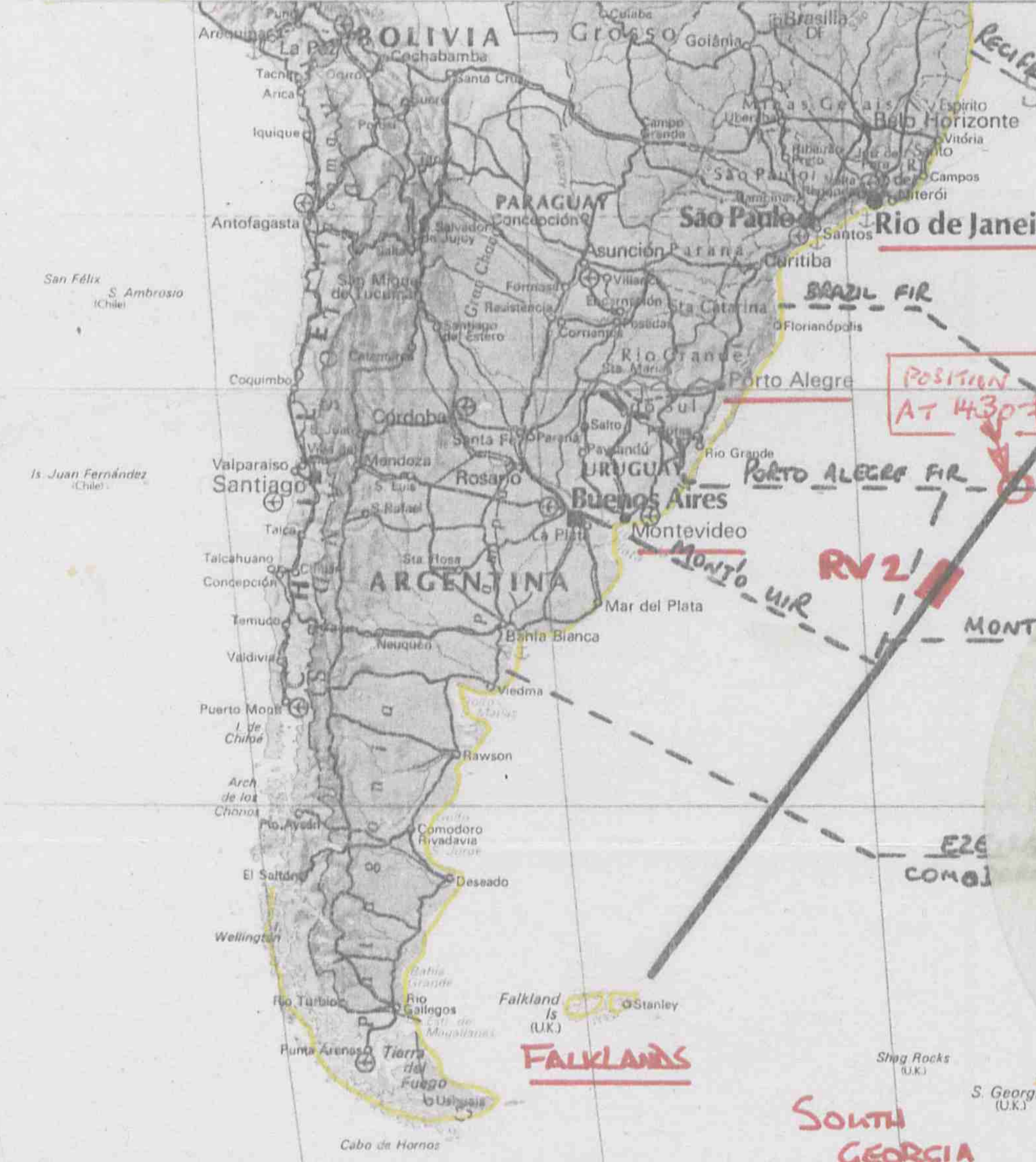
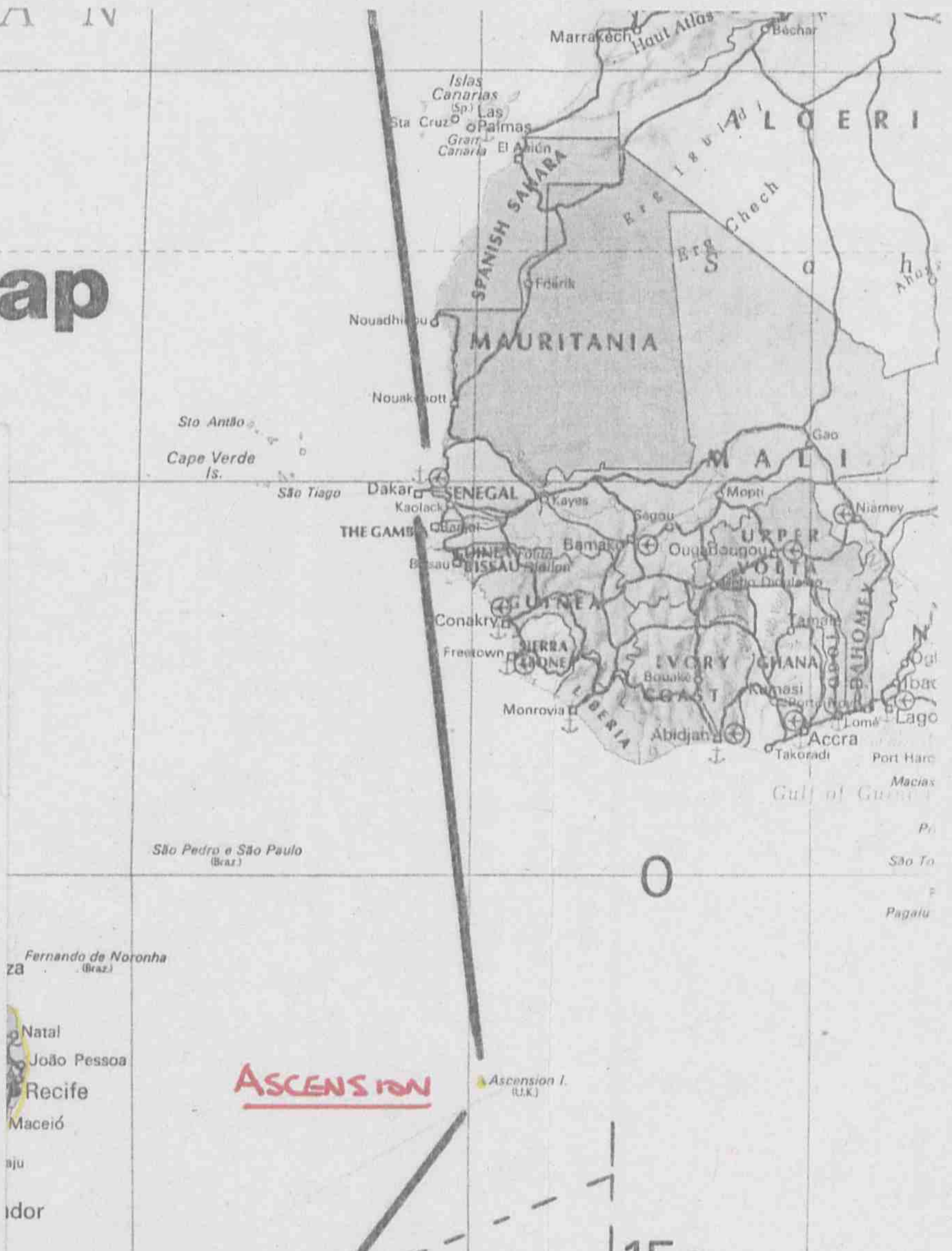
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AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN	FLIGHT LIEUTENANT	GRAHAM FORBES
CO PILOT	FLIGHT LIEUTENANT	JIM EMPAGE
FIRST NAVIGATOR	FLIGHT LIEUTENANT	MIKE LIMB
SECOND NAVIGATOR	FLIGHT LIEUTENANT	STUART NUSSEY
ENGINEER	MASTER AIR ENGINEER	NICK JONES
LOADMASTER	SERGEANT	BRIAN ARMOUR
STEWARD	CORPORAL	TONY PRIDDEN

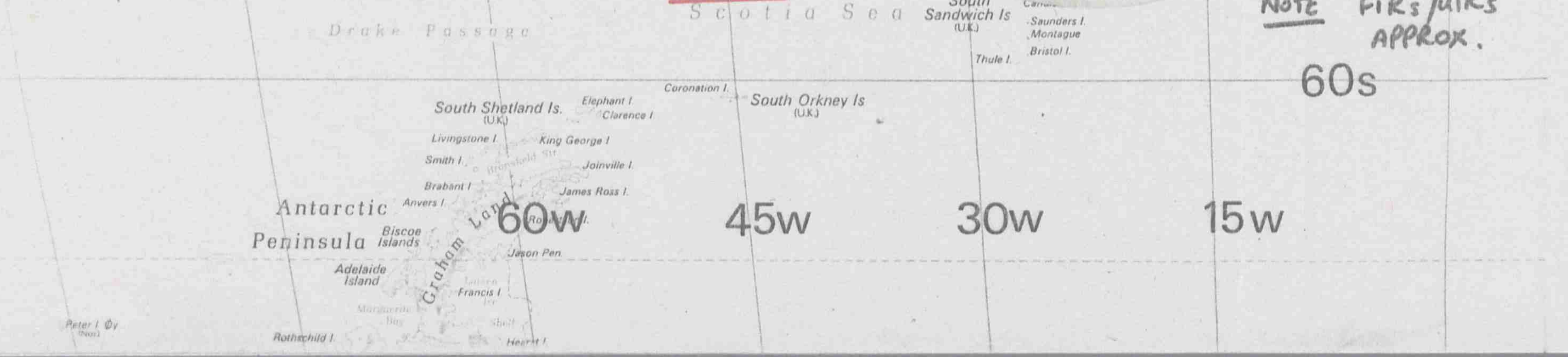
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TO PORT STANLEY

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MISC 016 OF 14 JANUARY 1983.

FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONER.
FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. WE SHALL BE SENDING TO YOU BY THE FASTEST AVAILABLE MEANS LETTERS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SIGNED, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS, TO A NUMBER OF THOSE SERVING UNDER YOUR COMMAND. MEANWHILE, PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO YOU WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SIGNED THIS MORNING. SHOULD YOU WISH TO BRING ANY PART OF THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF HER MAJESTY'S FORCES IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BEFORE THE SIGNED VERSION ARRIVES PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

2. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, THE PRIME MINISTER IS ALSO WRITING TO MRS. THORNE.

3. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DID FOR US.

4. TEXT OF LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

I WRITE TO THANK YOU MOST WARMLY FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE MY VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SO MEMORABLE AND SO REWARDING. THOSE FOUR DAYS WERE ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE.

I AM DEEPLY INDEBTED TO YOU PERSONALLY FOR YOUR INVALUABLE BRIEFINGS, YOUR CAREFUL ATTENTION TO MY PROGRAMME, YOUR COMPANY AND YOUR HOSPITALITY. THE DINNER WHICH YOU SO KINDLY GAVE FOR ME ON TUESDAY NIGHT WAS A MOST SPLENDID FINALE TO MY VISIT AND I SHALL ALWAYS TREASURE THE GIFT WHICH YOU PRESENTED TO ME ON THAT OCCASION.

I SHALL BE WRITING TO A NUMBER OF THOSE IN ALL THE SERVICES WHOSE UNITS I KNOW TO HAVE PLAYED A SPECIAL ROLE IN ORGANISING MY VISIT. BUT I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES, THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY AND THE MERCHANT MARINE SERVING IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE FINE WORK THEY ARE DOING AND MY ADMIRATION FOR THEIR MATCHLESS SKILL AND PROFESSIONALISM. THE CAUSE IS GREAT. THE MEN AND WOMEN UNDER YOUR COMMAND ARE EQUAL TO THE CAUSE.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL+.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January, 1983

When the Prime Minister was in Ascension last night on her way back from the Falkland Islands, she received a message from General Thorne to the effect that Coastel I had been successfully placed in its permanent position in Port Stanley harbour. The Prime Minister sent a message of congratulations.

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Mrs. Thatcher would be grateful to know what the timetable is for the despatch of Coastel II to Port Stanley. During her visit to the Falklands she heard references to the possibility of it reaching the area by 2 April.

B/F

A. J. COLES

Richard Mottram, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence

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OPERATING CREW

Captain	Flight Lieutenant	R M	Robinson
Co-Pilot	Flight Lieutenant	P I A	Neil
Navigator	Squadron Leader	W D B	Andrews
Air Engineer	Master Engineer	C J	Regan
Cabin Supervisor	Master Airloadmaster	J L	White
Airloadmaster	Master Airloadmaster	M J	Dally
Air Steward	Corporal	C	Pearce
Air Steward	Corporal	I D	WILSON (ASCENSION-BRIZE NORTON)

SUPPORT CREW

Ground Engineer	Chief Technician	C	Bates
GROUND ENGINEER	CHIEF TECHNICIAN	A	HUMPHRIES
Security	Warrant Officer	J P G	Osborne
Security	Sergeant	S	Cattell

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

13 January 1983

I enclose a copy of a note which I made of a meeting that the Prime Minister had with the members of the Legislative and Executive Councils of the Falkland Islands during her visit there. I should be grateful if you could arrange for a copy to be transmitted to Sir Rex Hunt.

I am copying this letter and the enclosure to Margaret O'Mara (HM Treasury) and Richard Mottram (MOD).

E. E. R. BUTLER

J.E. Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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RECORD OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF
THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON
SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 1983 AT 1200 NOON

Present: The Prime Minister
Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse GCB
Mr. F.E.R. Butler
Mr. A.J. Coles
Mr. B. Ingham

Sir Rex Hunt, Civil Commissioner
Major General D.C. Thorne, CBE, Military Commissioner
The Hon. F.E. Baker, OBE, Chief Secretary
The Hon. H.T. Rowlands, OBE, Financial Secretary
The Hon. W.H. Goss, MBE, JP, Elected Member for
East Stanley
The Hon. L.G. Blake, OBE, JP, Elected Member for
West Falkland
The Hon. R.E. Binnie, Elected Member for East
Falkland
The Hon. J.E. Cheek, Elected Member for West Stanley
The Hon. A.T. Blake, Elected Member for Camp Division
The Hon. W.R. Luxton, Nominated Member of Executive
Council
Mr. M.C.Ll Gaiger, Attorney General
Mr. R.D. Williams, Assistant Civil Commissioner
Mr. R. Browning, Clerk to Councils

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The Civil Commissioner invited Mr. Goss first to welcome the Prime Minister to the Falkland Islands on behalf of the Joint Councils.

Mr. Goss said that he regarded the present moment as the most honoured of his life. He expressed the heartfelt thanks of the people he represented to the Government and Parliament in Britain, to the British people and to the Task Force for the liberation of the Falkland Islands. He had never been in any doubt that the British Government would come to the aid of the Islands. He had been asked on three occasions to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing some compromise with the Argentines under which they would maintain a presence in part of the Falkland Islands. He had attended such a meeting

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and had spoken first, refusing to compromise, and expressing his confidence that the Task Force would come to release the Islanders. When the people of Stanley had heard the Task Force shelling the Argentine positions every night they had regarded the sound as sweet music. The last three days of the campaign had been the most worrying but it was a most remarkable achievement that Port Stanley had been recovered with the loss of only three civilian lives, especially when it was considered that the Argentines had taken up military positions in the town. He concluded by repeating thanks from the bottom of his heart to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister thanked Mr. Goss for what he had said. The Argentine invasion had caused a traumatic experience in the Falkland Islands, and an agonising one in London as she and her colleagues had waited day after day to see the outcome of their decisions. Councillor Cheek had told her that reports of cooperation by one or two civilians with the Argentines should be discounted and that the people of the Falkland Islands would be united in the cause of freedom and justice. The British Government had total faith in the spirit of the Falklanders and in the beliefs which they shared; the Government had also had total faith in the bravery and skill of the armed forces, which had led to a famous victory. The British Government and the Islanders had been fortunate in having Sir Rex Hunt as Governor at the time. Everyone in Britain knew that the Falklanders were British and wanted to remain British. Just as the week in which she had received the news of the impending Argentine invasion was the worst of her life, so the occasion on which she had told the House of Commons that white flags had appeared over the Argentine positions in Stanley was the most memorable. Her present visit was another occasion which she would always remember. It was hoped that the experience of the invasion would never be repeated, but those who had been involved could take pride in what had been achieved, including the effect on Britain itself.

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Other members of the Councils then spoke in turn, expressing their thanks and those of the people they represented to the Prime Minister and the British Government.

The Prime Minister, after thanking the Councils for what they had said, suggested that they should discuss what now had to be done to build a future of which not only the British Government and the Islanders but also the families of those who had fought could be proud.

The Civil Commissioner said he saw the job facing Joint Councils as first getting life back to normal and then building for the future. He acknowledged the help which they were receiving from the armed forces. Problems remained on accommodation and communications, but he hoped that the Beaver would be back in service this month and the two Islanders perhaps next month. By April it was hoped that completion of the military camps would reduce pressure on accommodation in Stanley. Difficulties would remain on external communications while no South American country was willing to provide a staging post for air services. Some roads needed reconstruction and it was hoped to bring a contractor in by the end of the summer.

Mr. Tony Blake said that, as a general proposition, the cost of improving grazing land by fertilizer would not be justified by the return. Lime was needed, which could be acquired for \$70 a ton in Uruguay, but other fertilisers would also be required. Considerable research on grass improvement had been put in, but there was no point in putting in better grass unless it could be fed and sustained. The only point of improving pasture was more intensive sheep farming: the lambing average in the Islands was low, but it was sufficient for wool production. In his view, the key to improving the agriculture was breaking up the present large holdings into family farms, which would be developed not for current profit but for long-term capital improvement: New Zealand experience had shown how successful this was.

/Mr. Tim Blake

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Mr. Tim Blake, commenting on this, said that in the West Falkland, which he represented, there was no great desire for self employment. But the present form of farming was ceasing to be profitable and diversification was necessary. One possibility was to set up a deep sea fishing unit using the 150-mile exclusion zone. A Japanese company was enquiring about inshore fishing; and development of deep sea and inshore fishing should go hand in hand. Unless some diversification of this sort was undertaken, the position of the Islands' exchequer was bound to deteriorate since there was not an agricultural community in the world which yielded revenue sufficient to support its government.

In discussion of other forms of economic development, the following points were made:

- i) it would be hard to build up tourism in the absence of an air link. More hotel accommodation was also needed on the Islands. Another possibility was to use the Falklands as a centre for cruising, including South Georgia.
- ii) Philately was already yielding about £½ million net a year, but it could well provide further scope.
- iii) The requirements of the garrison provided opportunities for employment, but it was difficult for the people of Stanley to satisfy the requirements since their approach to life was to be as self sufficient as possible, and they were already fully occupied. The FCO had been notified of skills which were in short supply, so that they could taken them into account in considering potential settlers.
- iv) One shortage was teachers: the ODA had been asked to help with this. One possibility was to make more use of the wireless for education of children in camp, but it was pointed out that the wireless was not by itself a satisfactory medium for the education of young children.

Summing up the points made by members of the Joint Councils, the Civil Commissioner said that the UK Government's commitment to implementation of the Shackleton Report was very encouraging. The first priority was rehabilitation - the re-opening of the hostel so that the boarding school could operate properly;

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the restoration of the Beaver and the Islander air services; the re-commencement of the supply services to the outlying settlements using mv MONSUNEN; and the repair of the roads. The purchase of the Pack Brothers' farm at Fox Bay offered an opportunity of early progress in diversifying farm holdings. Thereafter there was scope for development along some of the lines which had been mentioned. The Falkland Islands Development Agency, when established, would help with this.

Turning to political development, the Civil Commissioner said that the main feeling of the Islanders was that no-one wanted negotiation with the Argentines. The Prime Minister agreed. The problem was that Argentina would not be prepared to have discussions except about sovereignty and, because this was unacceptable, it prevented discussion on other areas of cooperation.

At the invitation of the Civil Commissioner, Mr. Tim Blake told the Prime Minister of the work being done by his Select Committee on the structure of the Falklands Government. A questionnaire had been sent out to which answers had now been received. There was hope that by July proposals would be produced for modifying the internal constitution of the Islands. But there was no intention of making proposals about the relationship with Britain.

The Prime Minister, concluding the meeting, said that she had been very touched by the warmth of the welcome she had received and was grateful for what had been said. It had been useful for her to hear at first hand the view taken by the Joint Councils about the priorities for the rehabilitation and development of the Islands. Clearly there was much to do, but there were also substantial opportunities for progress. One way in which the Joint Councils could stimulate such progress was by setting timetables for achievement of the various goals.

13 January 1982



THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

FREEDOM OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Whereas we the people of the Falkland Islands have recently suffered armed invasion of our beloved Islands;

And Whereas but for the support and aid given to us by the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland we would still be under foreign domination today;

Now We, the undersigned representatives of the people of the Falkland Islands, in acknowledgment of our humble and sincere gratitude and appreciation of the courageous, steadfast and unyielding leadership of MARGARET HILDA THATCHER, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, throughout the campaign for our freedom,

Hereby Confer on the said MARGARET HILDA THATCHER the Honorary Freedom of Stanley and all Townships and Settlements throughout the Falkland Islands.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this tenth day of January 1983.

Sir R. M. Hunt,
Chairman of Executive Council
and President of Legislative Council.

The Hon. F. E. Baker,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. T. J. Peck,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. W. H. Goss,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. R. E. Binnie,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. H. T. Rowlands,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. W. R. Luxton,
Member of Executive Council.

The Hon. A. T. Blake,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. L. G. Blake,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. J. E. Cheek,
Member of Legislative Council.

Witnessed by :-

M. C. Ll. Gaiger,
Attorney General.

R. Browning,
Clerk to the Councils.

Falklands
Thank you



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 January, 1983.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind greeting card which she received while she was in the Falkland Islands. She was most grateful for your words, and sends you her best wishes.

A. J. COLES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKay

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FALKLAND ISLANDS ●

JANUARY 1983

We are so thrilled you are in these Islands
and we hope we will see you but incase we do not,
can we just say, a very warm thank you for all you
have done for us.

We are deeply grateful and shall never forget it.
May God Bless you and see you safely home.

Greetings

To
Mrs Margaret Thatcher, and to Mr Thatcher.

FROM

Bill & Clara McKay.
Douglas Station.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Thank you, I.G.

Thank you very much indeed for your part in arranging the pleasant reception which Denis and I enjoyed so much on our way back from the Falkland Islands. It was good to meet so many people who are involved in the operation of the important facilities on the Island and I send to you all my best wishes for the future.

We so much enjoyed meeting everyone.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

I.G. Thow, Esq.,

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Captain Rutterford.

It was a great pleasure to visit Fort Grange on 11 January and to meet you and so many of those under your command. You are all playing a most vital role in defence of the peace and freedom of the Falkland Islands and the skill and energy with which you carry out that role is greatly admired.

Thank you for receiving me so warmly. I wish you all, when the time comes, a safe journey home.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Captain B.H. Rutterford

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Captain Turnbull,

It was a great pleasure, during my visit to MV Stena Inspector, on 11 January to meet you, Captain Mason and so many of those under your commands. I was deeply impressed by the work you are all doing in support of our ships and send my warm thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Captain John Turnbull.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Commander Westberg,

It was a great pleasure for me to visit HMS CHARYBDIS on 11 January. Thank you for receiving me so warmly.

It was good to see the skill and dedication with which you and those under your command are carrying out your vital role in the defence of the peace and freedom of the Falkland Islands. My best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Commander N. Westberg, R.N.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Colonel Ivers,

I wanted to let you know how deeply impressed I was, when I visited you on 9 January, by the work which you, your officers and men are doing. These vital construction tasks are absolutely central to our ability to achieve our objective in the South Atlantic and I have the greatest admiration for the way they are being performed, often in the most adverse conditions. Thank you very much indeed.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Lieutenant Colonel P. R. Ivers, R.E. —————

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Colonel Neville,

I much enjoyed meeting officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Hampshire Regiment during my visit to Goose Green, Port San Carlos and Fox Bay East on 10 January. Throughout my visit to the Falkland Islands I found the professionalism and spirit of our Armed Forces most inspiring. The Hampshires demonstrate these qualities splendidly.

My best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Neville.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Group Captain,

Thank you very much indeed for receiving us so warmly at Ascension on our return from the Falkland Islands. It was kind of you to arrange a reception for us. Denis and I much enjoyed meeting your guests and also the various representatives of the armed forces who greeted us on arrival.

I wish you all continued success and good fortune in the important work which you are doing.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stelter

Group Captain R.C. Parker, R.A.F.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Colonel Black,

It was a pleasure, during my visit to the Falkland Islands, to meet so many officers and men from the Royal Engineers and to see at first hand the most excellent work you are doing. The tasks in which you are engaged are so vital - the provision of accommodation for our troops, construction at the airfield and elsewhere throughout the Islands, mine-field identification and clearance, to name but a few. I should be grateful if you would pass on to those under your command my congratulations and thanks.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Maynard Thatcher

Colonel A.E.N. Black, O.B.E.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Colonel Woolnough.

Thank you very much indeed for all the energy and skill which you and your staff put into planning and managing my visit to the Falkland Islands. The programme was skilfully designed and was executed with superb professionalism and efficiency. I am most grateful.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Colonel H.A. Woolnough, O.B.E.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Colonel Symes.

My warm thanks to you and your staff for your contribution to my visit to the Falklands. The programme and arrangements were flawless - a tribute to all the care and skill with which they were prepared and carried out. Thank you so much.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Colonel P.W. Symes

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Captain Young,

My visit to the Falkland Islands has provided me with many unforgettable memories. One which will always stand out among them is my reception on board HMS ANTRIM in San Carlos Bay in sparkling sunshine. We remembered together ANTRIM's role in different circumstances, in the recapture of South Georgia and in the Falklands campaign itself. Now you are defending the peace and freedom of the Falkland Islands and we all have the greatest confidence in the skills and determination of those whom you command. Please pass to all of them my thanks for their splendid work.

Thank you for the warmth of my reception, for a delightful luncheon and for your gifts which I shall always treasure.

My best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Raymond Stalter

Captain B.G. Young, D.S.O., R.N.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Group Captain,

I thank you, and through you all members of the Royal Air Force in the Falkland Islands, both for everything you did to make my visit so valuable and memorable and for the splendid way in which you are making your vital contribution to the defence of the Falkland Islands — *in spite of the many difficulties under which you have to operate*

The highest traditions of the Royal Air Force are on display in the South Atlantic. Well done and many thanks.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Sturt

Group Captain R.A.F. Wilson, AFC, RAF.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Captain Dobson,

I thank you most warmly for everything which you, your staff and so many of those under your command did to give me, during my visit to the Falkland Islands, one of the most fascinating and rewarding experiences of my life.

I was delighted to be able to visit so many ships of the Royal Navy, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the Merchant Marine and thrilled to be able to go to the scene of so many of the stirring events of last year's campaign.

I send you all my best wishes. You are doing wonderful work.

Yours sincerely

Royal Signature

Captain D.S. Dobson, R.N.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Mrs. Thorne,

I thought you would like to know that during the visit I have just paid to the Falkland Islands I found your husband in the best of health and spirits. He is doing a marvellous job as are all those under his command. It is such an inspiration to see so much skill, courage and energy devoted to so fine a cause.

I hope that the period between now and the time when your family are re-united again will pass quickly for you. I am sending with this letter a photograph which I thought that you and your children might care to have as a memento of your husband's service in the Falkland Islands.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. David Thorne

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

My dear General,

I write to thank you most warmly for all you did to make my visit to the Falkland Islands so memorable and so rewarding. Those four days were one of the most wonderful experiences of my life.

I am deeply indebted to you personally for your invaluable briefings, your careful attention to my programme, your company and your hospitality. The dinner which you so kindly gave for me on Tuesday night was a most splendid finale to my visit and I shall always treasure the gift which you presented to me on that occasion.

I shall be writing to a number of those in all the services whose units I know to have played a special role in organising my visit. But I should be most grateful if you would convey to all members of the Armed Services, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the Merchant Marine serving in the Falkland Islands my gratitude for the fine work they are doing and my admiration for their matchless skill and professionalism. The cause is great. The men and women under your command are equal to the cause.

Many thanks to you all.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Major General D.C. Thorne, C.B.E.,

Margaret Thatcher

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Dear Air Chief Marshal

I am most grateful for the contribution made by the Royal Air Force to the success and pleasure of my recent visit to the Falklands.

I have written separately to Group Captain Wilson in Port Stanley and letters have been sent on my behalf to the pilot and crew of the aircraft in which I and my party travelled. But the whole operation, especially the air bridge from Ascension to Port Stanley clearly involved other aircraft whose pilots and crews we had no opportunity to meet. I should be grateful if my thanks could be forwarded to them and to all others concerned with the planning and execution of the programme.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson, GCB, AFC., R.A.F.

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No photo.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr Hardcastle,

It was a wonderful moment for me to be able to meet, during my visit to the Falkland Islands, the families who had shown such courage through the terrible days of the Argentinian invasion and the battles for Darwin and Goose Green. I shall always remember the warmth of the welcome I received at Goose Green and the marvellous spirit of all whom I met. I send my heartfelt thanks and my best wishes for the future of both Settlements.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Brook Hardcastle, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Alan Miller

I am writing to thank you for receiving me into your home during my visit to the Falkland Islands. It was a moving and memorable moment for me to come to Port San Carlos where some of the main British forces landed in the campaign to recover the Falkland Islands. I was so pleased to have the opportunity of meeting you and your family and other members of the Settlement. Please will you pass on my thanks to all of them for the warmth and generosity of their welcome, which I will never forget.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stiller

Alan Miller, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mrs. Chater,

I have written to Mr. Fowler to thank him for the welcome which I received during my visit to the Stanley Schools, but I wanted to send a special note of thanks to you for the beautiful print of Falklands birds presented to me by Carol and Ann Morrison on behalf of the children in Camp.

It is a present which I will treasure as a memento of my visit to the Falkland Islands, and I should be grateful if you would pass on my congratulations to your husband for the draftsmanship and artistry of the print, as well as my thanks to the children of the Camp generally.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stobbe

Mrs. Anne Chater

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr and Mrs. Short,

You will understand what a moving moment it was for me to come to San Carlos, the site of the main British landing during the campaign to recover the Falkland Islands and the last resting-place of some of those who fell.

I am writing to thank you most warmly for receiving me into your home and for the delicious lunch which you provided for my husband and myself, and those who were accompanying us. I will always remember my visit to San Carlos and the warmth and kindness of the people of the Settlement whom I met.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. and Mrs. Short

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Binnie,

I was so pleased to be able to come to Fitzroy Settlement during my visit to the Falkland Islands. Thank you so much for receiving me into your home and for giving me the opportunity of meeting the people of the Settlement. Please will you convey my thanks to all of them for the warmth and kindness of their welcome, which I will always remember.

My husband joins me in sending our thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Binnie

The Honourable R. Binnie and Mrs. Binnie



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

John Brodrick.

I am writing to thank you for receiving and conducting me on my tour of some of the work of your Department during my visit to the Falkland Islands. You and your staff have a key role in the work of rehabilitation and development, and I was encouraged and impressed by the evident purpose and enthusiasm with which it is being tackled.

My husband joins me in sending you and your staff our best wishes for the success of the important work you are doing.

John Brodrick, Esq.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cockwell,

I am writing to thank you for receiving me into your home during my visit to the Falkland Islands and for giving me the opportunity of meeting the people of Fox Bay and other Settlements of the West Falklands. You will understand how moving and memorable the visit to the Falkland Islands was for me and I was so touched by the warmth and kindness of the welcome I received at Fox Bay, and everywhere else where I went.

My husband joins me in sending you both our best wishes for the imaginative new venture on which you are embarking.

Yours sincerely
Maya and Robert

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cockwell

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Mathews,

I am writing to thank you for the beautiful lambskin which you presented to me on behalf of the Port Howard Settlement during my visit to the Falkland Islands and for the generous words with which you did so.

I was delighted to be able to go to Port Howard and I will treasure the lambskin as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely

Richard Mathews, Esq.

Raymond Stiller

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Etheridge,

I was very pleased to have the opportunity of visiting Port Stanley Post Office and of meeting your staff during my visit to the Falkland Islands.

Thank you so much for the beautiful album of Falkland Islands stamps which I will treasure as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

W.A. Etheridge, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Stewart,

I am writing to thank you and your family for the beautiful enamelled box which you presented to me during my visit to the Falkland Islands.

It was a marvellous experience for me to be able to come to the Falkland Islands, and I was deeply touched by the kindness and warmth with which I was received everywhere I went. Your gift was an example of that kindness, and I will treasure it as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely
Roger M. M. [Signature]

R. Stewart, Esq.



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing to thank you most warmly for receiving me at Port Howard during my visit to the Falkland Islands and for the hospitality I received there.

I was delighted to have the opportunity of meeting the people of Port Howard and other settlements of the West Falklands and I should be grateful if you could convey my thanks to all who played a part in organising such a splendid reception.

I want to thank you also for what you are doing to look after the grave of Captain Hamilton. He was such a gallant man - one of the bravest of all - and I am happy to know that he lies in such a beautiful place in Port Howard Settlement, near where he fell.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Webster

Robin Lee, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Goss,

It was a moving and memorable moment for me to visit Goose Green during my visit to the Falkland Islands and to meet the people of the Settlement who suffered so much with such fortitude during the Argentine occupation. I shall never forget the warmth and generosity of the welcome I received in the Community Hall where so much had happened. Please will you convey my thanks to the people of Goose Green for the wonderful welcome they gave me and for their gifts which I will treasure.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

E. Goss, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Dr. Bleaney,

I am writing to tell you how impressed I was by my tour of Stanley Hospital during my visit to the Falkland Islands and by the work which you and your staff are doing.

The events of the last year have been particularly traumatic for you all. I do congratulate you on all that you did to cope with the enormous demands which were imposed on you, and on the work which you are now doing in cooperating with the military authorities to meet the challenges presented by the new situation since the war.

My husband joins me in sending our thanks to you for receiving us and conducting us around Stanley Hospital and our best wishes to you and all the staff working in the Hospital.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Webster

Dr. Alison Bleaney, O.B.E.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Fowler.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the Stanley Schools during my visit to the Falkland Islands. I am writing to ask you to convey my thanks to the teachers and the children for the welcome which they gave me and for so many lovely gifts. I was very impressed by the work which is being done in the schools at all levels and in helping with the special needs of the children in Camp.

My husband joins me in sending you, your staff and the children my best wishes for the success of all you are doing.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Hilda

John Fowler, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Sir Rex and Lady Hunt,

My visit to the Falkland Islands was a historic one, and a very moving experience for me. You will know as well as anyone how much the Falkland Islands have been in my heart and thoughts over the last year. I was deeply touched by the warmth and kindness of the welcome I received everywhere I went and from everyone I met. I know that what was being expressed to me was the loyalty of the Falkland Islanders to Britain and their gratitude for the professionalism and gallantry of the task force in freeing the Falkland Islands from the domination of an invader.

I write to thank you both, and your staff, for your hospitality and kindness to myself, my husband, and my staff during our visit, and for everything which was done to enable me to meet so many of the people of the islands and to see something of their current projects and problems. I realise how very hard all those involved in the organisation of my visit must have had to work, particularly since the arrangements had to be made with so little notice. Thank you all so much for a visit which from my point of view was successful as well as unforgettable, and which has helped me to understand so much more of the issues and challenges facing the Falkland Islands in the future.

My husband joins me in sending our best wishes to both of you.

Warm regards.

Sir Rex Hunt, C.M.G., and Lady Hunt

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Letter to Major-General D. C. Thorne CBE,
Military Commissioner, Falkland Islands

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from the Prime Minister.

I write to thank you most warmly for all you did to make my visit to the Falkland Islands so memorable and so rewarding. ~~I have made many visits outside the United Kingdom but none has been more enjoyable or~~ These few days were one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. ~~and~~ I am deeply indebted to you personally for your invaluable briefings, your careful attention to my proposals, your company and your hospitality. The dinner ~~at our meeting~~ ~~at which I had the pleasure of meeting so many of you~~ ~~and~~ which you so kindly gave to me on Tuesday night was a most splendid finale to my visit and I shall always treasure ~~the present~~ ~~the~~ gift which you presented to me on that occasion. I shall be writing to ~~many~~ a number of

~~officers~~ those in all three services ~~who I know~~ whose units I know to have played a ^{special role} ~~particular part~~ in organizing my visit. ~~but my gratitude~~ I should be most grateful if you would convey to all members of the Armed Services, ^{the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries} and the Merchant Marine serving in the Falkland Islands my gratitude for the ^{matchless} fine work they are doing ^{and} my admiration for their skill and ^{and women under your command} ~~men~~ are equal individualism. The cause is great. The men ^{are equal} to the cause. My thanks to you all.

to Wing Commander Brian Warsaw, No. 47 Squadron,
RAF Lyneham.

~~[to copy of Herald]~~

and your colleagues

The Prime Minister has asked me to send to you ^{her}
~~I send you the~~ my grateful thanks and those of my ^{best} ~~her~~
party for flying us from America to ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{and}
back with such skill and with such attention to
our comfort. It is always a pleasure to fly with the
Royal Air Force but this was special - the distance,
the in-flight refuelling and the objective of the ~~journey~~ ^{journey}
made it a particularly memorable experience. That you all
very much.

Mr. Thatcher thought that you will like to have the
enclosed photograph. She was delighted to receive
the fine picture of a Herald C.1 which you had
presented to her during the return journey.

Letter to the Chief of the Air Staff

from the Prime Minister.

I am most grateful for the contribution made by the Royal Air Force to the success and pleasure of my recent visit to the Falklands.

I have written reports to Group Captain Wilkin in Port Stanley and letters have been sent on my behalf to the pilot and crew of the aircraft in which I and my party travelled. But the whole operation, especially the air bridge from Ascension to Port Stanley, is clearly ~~very~~ ~~and~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~aircraft~~ involved other aircraft ~~and~~ whose pilots and crew we had no opportunity to meet. I should be grateful if my thanks could be passed to them and to all other concerned with the planning and execution of the programme.

Pilot ~~name~~ of VC 10 aircraft. (please get name for
rod)

from A.S.C. ~~Sp Cpr RC Parker~~

~~Thank you very much indeed for this the time
limits and her stay from Singapore to Hawaii on 7/8
of January and back again on 12/13 January. Mrs. Thatcher
enjoyed her journey and has asked me to send you the
enclosed photograph as a memento of the occasion.~~

Letter to the wife of Rajj - General
Thorne (pl. obtain details from R.D.)

I thought you would like to know
that during ^{the} my visit, ^{I have just paid} to the Falkland Islands
I found your husband in the best of health
and spirits. He is doing a marvellous job as are all
those under his command. It is such an inspiration
to see so much skill, courage and energy devoted to
so fine a cause.

I hope that ^{the} period between now and ~~when you~~ the
time when your family are reunited again will pass quickly
to you. I am sending with this letter a photograph which
I thought that you and your children might care to have as
a ~~in the future~~ as a memento of your husband's ^{service} time in
the Falkland Islands.

Letter to Group Captain R. A. F. Wilson AFC. RAF.
Senior Royal Air Force Officer, Falkland Islands
from the Prime Minister.

I thank you, and thank you all members of the
Royal Air Force in the Falkland Islands, both
for everything you did to make my visit so
valuable and memorable and for the splendid
way in which you are ~~carrying out~~ making your
vital contribution to the defence of the Falkland Islands.
The highest traditions of the Royal Air Force are on
display in the South Atlantic. Well done and
many thanks.

Letter to Colonel H. A. Woodhouse OBE,
Chief of Staff

from the Home Director.

Thank you very much indeed for all the energy and skill
which you and your staff put into planning and managing my
visit to the Falkland Islands. ~~It is always a pleasure to~~

~~see~~ ~~visit the armed forces~~ ~~but this was an experience a particular~~
~~moving and~~ The programme was skilfully designed and was
executed with ^{great support} ~~the~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~professionalism~~ and efficiency. ~~with~~

I am most grateful.

Letter to Colonel P. W. Symes
Deputy Chief of Staff.

My warm thanks to you and your staff
for your contribution to my visit to the
Fullards. The programme ~~was~~ and
arrangements were flawless - a tribute
to all the care and skill with which they were
prepared and carried out. Thank you so much.

Letter to Colonel A.E.N. Blael OBE,
Commander, Royal Engineers
Falkland Islands.

It was a pleasure, during my visit to the
Falkland Islands, to meet so many officers and
men from the Royal Engineers and to see at
first hand the most excellent work you are
doing. ~~We are all playing a most vital role
the major tasks of construction, rehabilitation and
so many of the tasks in which you are engaged~~
are so vital - the provision of accommodation for our
troops, construction at the airfield and elsewhere throughout
the islands, minefield identification and clearance, to name
but a few. I should be grateful if you would pass on to
those under your command my congratulations and thanks.

Letter to Captain B. G. Young, DSO RN

HMS Antoin

My visit to the Falkland Islands has provided
me with many unforgettable memories. One which will
always
long stand out away from is my ~~visit~~ reception on board
HMS Antoin in San Carlos Bay in sparkling sunshine.
We remembered together Antoin's role in difficult
circumstances, in the recapture of Fort ~~Spain~~ Georgia
and in the Falklands campaign itself. Now & you
we depend on the ^{peace of mind} freedom of the Falkland Islands and
we all have the greatest confidence in ~~your skills~~
the skills and determination of ~~Antoin's officers and crew~~
those whom you command. Please pass to all of them my thanks for
their splendid work.
Thank you for the warmth of my reception, for
a delightful luncheon and for your gifts which
I shall always treasure.

My best wishes ~~to all aboard~~

Letter to Captain B. H. Rutterford,
RFA Master, RFA Fort Grange

It was a great pleasure to visit Fort Grange
on 11 January and to meet ~~so many~~ of you and
so many of those under your command. You are
all playing a most vital role in ~~the~~ defence of
the peace and freedom of the Falkland Islands
~~and to that you have the gratitude of the Islanders~~
and the skill and energy with which you carry out
that role is greatly admired.

Thank you ~~very much~~ for
receiving me so warmly. I will, of course, when
the time comes, a safe journey home.

Commander N. Westberg RN

HMS Charybdis.

It was a great pleasure to me to visit HMS Charybdis
on 11 January. Thank you for receiving me so warmly.

~~As we planned~~
It was good to see the skill and dedication with
which you and those under your command are carrying out your
vital role in the defence of the peace and freedom of the
Falkland Islands. My best wishes to you all.

Captain John Turnbull

Master, MV Stena Inspector

[pl. check correct name and title with Rod].

It was a great pleasure, during my visit to MV Stena
Inspector, on 11 January, to meet you, Captain Rana and so
many of those under your command. I was deeply
impressed by the work you are doing in support of our
ship and send to you all my warm thanks and best wishes.

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Letter to Lt Col P. R. Severs

Command Office, 37 Engineer Regiment

from some minutes.

I wanted to let you how how ^{you} deeply ~~appreciated~~ I was,
~~by the work~~ when I visited ~~that~~ ~~study~~ on a former,
by the work which you, your officers and men are doing.
These vital constructive tasks are absolutely central to our ability
to ~~carry out~~ achieve our objectives in the South Atlantic and
I have the greatest admiration for the way they are being
performed, often in the most adverse conditions. That you
very much indeed.

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Neville,
Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, Royal Hampshire
Regiment.

I had several meetings with officers and men of the
1st Battalion of the Royal Hampshire Regiment during
my visit to Goose Green, Port San Carlos and Fox
Bay East on 10 January. Throughout my visit to
the Falkland Islands I found the probusiness and
spirit of our armed forces most inspiring. The Hampshire
demonstrate these qualities splendidly.
My best wishes to you all

Flight Lieutenant J. Since
OC Search and Rescue Detachment,
202 Squadron
RAF, Port Harcourt.

from A.S.C.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you ~~and your~~
~~and~~ most warmly for the help your detachment gave her
during her visit to ~~the~~ the Falkland Islands.
We became very familiar with the Sea King and its
crew and strong admirers of the professionalism of your
operations. Would you please pass on thanks to all those
involved, including those whom we did not meet but
who were involved in bail-up operations.

~~As a result~~
Mr. Thatcher thought that you might like to
have the enclosed photograph.

Letter to Warrant Officer J. A. Porter,
State Warrant Officer,

Rt Hon Stanley.

from A.S.C.

The Prime Minister has asked me to write to you and
say that ~~she~~ she is most grateful for ~~all the help~~
~~you give~~ your contribution to the success of her recent visit
to the Falkland Islands.

Ms. Thatcher thinks it right that you will
like to have the endorsed photograph as a memento of the
occasion.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January 1982

Dear Mavis and Rex,

I am writing to thank you most warmly for your hospitality and kindness to me during the Prime Minister's visit to the Falklands.

We were all deeply conscious of the imposition which a party like ours makes on our hosts. But you could not have been more welcoming and natural, and that set the tone for the whole of the

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Prime Minister's visit, which I know that she enjoyed enormously.

It was so nice to meet you both and I hope that we meet again. Please will you pass on my particular thanks to Tony for surrendering his bedroom, which I particularly appreciated: I am only sorry that he was put to that inconvenience, especially since he had to spend a night in the laundry.

Please will you also pass on my thanks to your staff, not only for all their help but also for their cheerfulness and efficiency. Yours ever,
Robin.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Rex,

As we agreed, I am enclosing the Prime Minister's thank you letters to those on the civilian side of her visit to the Falkland Islands. I should be grateful if you could arrange for them to be delivered, subject to intercepting any if they contain inaccuracies or infelicities which we need to correct. I am also enclosing a signed photograph of the Prime Minister for which Lady Hunt asked me, together with my personal letter of thanks to you both.

Yours ever,

Robin Butler

Sir Rex Hunt, C.M.G.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Fowler,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Stanley Schools in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

John Fowler, Esq.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Dr. Alison,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Stanley Hospital in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Dr. Alison Bleaney, O.B.E.



FILE

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Goss,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Goose Green Community Hall in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Eric Goss, Esq.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Lee,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Port Howard Community Hall in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Robin Lee, Esq.



[Handwritten signature]

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

14 January 1983

The Prime Minister has signed three First Day Covers for your three sons and I have much pleasure in enclosing them.

It was extremely nice to meet you during our visit to the Falkland Islands. I hope we shall meet again in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, good luck.

A. J. COLES

Group Captain Wilson, A.F.C., R.A.F.
Senior Royal Air Force Officer
Falkland Islands



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Would you be prepared to
sign each of these 3
first-day covers for the 3
sons of Prof - Captain Sandy
Wilson (OC RAF Port Stanley).

A. J. L. 13.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

14 January 1983

Thank you very much indeed for your very generous hospitality. I would never have believed I could travel 16,000 miles and still feel so fresh - entirely due to our very comfortable and relaxing stay with you. After two days back here we are all agreed that visiting the Falklands is far more relaxing than living in No.10.

You gave us a marvellous time. Please give my warmest thanks to Rex as well.

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Lady Hunt.

BTC



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January 1983

Dear Flight Lieutenant,

Thank you very much indeed for flying the Prime Minister and her party from Brize Norton to Ascension on 7/8 January and back again on 12/13 January. Mrs Thatcher enjoyed her journey and has asked me to send you the enclosed photograph as a memento of the occasion.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Wals.

Flight Lieutenant Robbie Robinson, RAF.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January 1983

Dear Flight-Lieutenant,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you most warmly for the help your detachment gave her during her visit to the Falkland Islands. We became very familiar with the Sea King and its crew and strong admirers of the professionalism of your operation. Would you please pass our thanks to all those involved, including those whom we did not meet but who were involved in back-up operations.

Mrs Thatcher thought that you might like to have the enclosed photograph.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Cole.

Flight Lieutenant J. Prince



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January 1983

Dear Warrant Officer,

The Prime Minister has asked me to write to you and say that she is most grateful for your contribution to the success of her recent visit to the Falkland Islands.

Mrs Thatcher thought that you might like to have the enclosed photograph as a memento of the occasion.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Cole.

Warrant Officer J.A. Martin



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January 1983

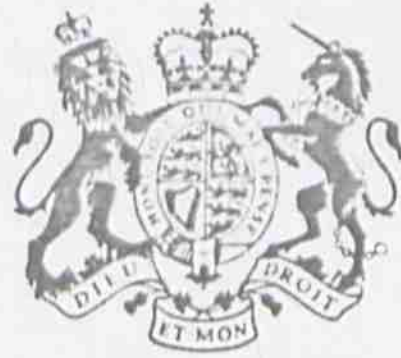
The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your very kind gift of the hand-made metal figure of the penguin.

She was delighted to receive such a gift which is a further illustration of the many skills and talents which the Islanders hold and indicative of the warm and friendly reception she has been given during her visit to the Islands.

Mrs. Thatcher sends you her warmest regards and very best wishes.

A. J. COLES

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Butcher



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January, 1983

The Prime Minister has asked me to send to you and your colleagues her grateful thanks and those of her party for flying us from Ascension to Port Stanley and back with such skill and with such attention to our comfort. It is always a pleasure to fly with the Royal Air Force but this was special - the distance, the in-flight refuelling and the objective of the journey made it a particularly memorable experience. Thank you all very much.

Mrs Thatcher thought that you might like to have the enclosed photograph. She was delighted to receive the fine picture of Hercules C.1 which you kindly presented to her during the return journey.

AJC

Wing Commander Brian Warsap, R.A.F.,

47 Squadron
RAF Lyneham
Wiltshire

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10 DOWNING STREET

F Wallace Esq
PO Box 55
STANLEY

11th January 1983

Dear Mr. Wallace,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 10 January welcoming her to the Falklands.

As requested I am returning the photograph of the Prime Minister which she has gladly signed.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

F E R Butler
Principal Private Secretary

Fraser Wallace,
P.O.Box 55,
Stanley,
10th January 1983

The Prime Minister,
The Rt. Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
c/o The Private Secretary,
Government House,
Stanley.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

First of all, a very heart welcome to the Falklands!
Your visit to the Islands is a very special occasion to all Islanders,
and I know that all 'Kelpers' would want to wish you and Mr. Thatcher all
the very best for the future, and hope that you will leave here with
some pleasant memories.

I would like to ask for a small favour. I am enclosing a photograph
of yourself, which, I understand, was an official photograph. I should
be most grateful indeed if you would be so kind as to autograph it, on the
front. If this is at all possible, I would be most honoured, as I, along
with many other people, have a great deal of respect for our Prime Minister!

Hoping that this request will not be inconvenient in any way,

Yours sincerely,



Fraser Wallace

RECOMMENDED RECIPIENTS OF SIGNED PHOTOGRAPHS

Captain D.S. DOBSON RN. ^{Jones} Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands.
 Group Captain RAF WILSON AFC RAF ^{P.A. M.T.} Senior Royal Air Force Officer Falkland Islands.
 Colonel H.A. WOOLNOUGH OBE Chief of Staff
 Colonel P.W. SYMES Deputy Chief of Staff.
 Colonel A.E.N. Black OBE Commander Royal Engineers
 Captain B.G. Young DSO RN CO HMS ANTRIM
 Captain B.H. RUTTERFORD RFA Master, RFA FORT GEORGE.
 Commander N. WESTBERG RN CO HMS CHARYBDIS
 Lieutenant Colonel P.R. IEVERS CO 37 Engineer Regiment.
 Lieutenant Colonel D.H. NEVILLE CO 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment.
 Flight Lieutenant J. PRINCE OC Search & Rescue Detachment, 202 Sqn RAF
 Warrant Officer J.A. MARTIN

Private Secretary. List as requested. If the Prime Minister were to sign one for my family, this would be particularly helpful to me
 D.C.T.

3. The letter refers to the requesting agency, according to the following list:

- A HQ
- B ROYAL NAVY
- C ROYAL ENGINEERS
- D RAF STANLEY
- E RESIDENT INFANTRY BATTALION
- F RESIDENT FIELD BATTERY
- G RESIDENT AD BATTERY
- H RESIDENT RAPIER SQUADRON

4. The final group of figures is the date followed by the serial number of the request on that date.

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MEMORANDUM


FROM: COS
HQ BFFI

TO: AIDC

DATE: 11/1

Subject Signed Photographs

1. A duplicate list of recommendations for signed photographs is attached.
2. Cdr also wrote on the original list that he would be grateful for one for his family if this is possible.


H. A. WOOLNOUGH
Colonel

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SIGNED PHOTOGRAPHS

Colonel H.A. WOOLNOUGH OBE Chief of Staff.

Group Captain R.A.F. WILSON AFC RAF Senior Royal Air Force officer
phantom events on mind.

Captain D.S. DOBSON RN Senior Naval Officer

Colonel P.W. SYMES Deputy Chief of Staff.

Colonel A.E.N. BLACK OBE Commander Royal Engineers.

Captain B.G. YOUNG DSO RN. CO HMS ANTRIM

Commander N. WESTBERG RN. CO HMS CHARYBDIS

Captain B.H. RUTTERFORD RFA Master RFA FORT GRAUGE

lieutenant Colonel P.R. IEVERS CO 37 Regiment Royal Engineers.

lieutenant Colonel D.H. NEVILLE CO 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment
initials date.

Flight lieutenant J. Prince RAF OC Search & Rescue Detachment 202 Squadron.

Warrant Officer J.A. MARTIN Station Warrant Officer RAF STANLEY.



10 DOWNING STREET

Mrs B Miller
Lois Cottage
John Street
STANLEY

11th January 1983

Thank you for your letter of 10 January with which you enclosed the very kind gift of a Horn Penguin to the Prime Minister from Mr and Mrs White.

The Prime Minister was delighted to receive this gift and has asked if you will convey her thanks to both John and Betty for ~~their~~ ^{the} marvellous example of craftsmanship which will always remind her of her trip to the Islands and the extremely warm and friendly welcome which she has received from the people here.

Mrs Thatcher sends them her warmest regards and wishes them a long and happy retirement together.

A J Coles
Private Secretary

LOIS COTTAGE
JOHN STREET
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

10. Jan. 1983.

Dear Prime Minister,

An elderly couple, John + Betty White, came and laboriously polish these blown Penguins which I sell at the "Home Industries" shop for them. They are very anxious for you to have one so I am presenting this one to you on their behalf.

John White has been a shepherd on West Falkland most of his life. They are now retired living in Stanley.

Yours Sincerely,
Betty Miller



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr S Miller
Lois Cottage
John Street
STANLEY

11th January 1983

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 9 January with which you very kindly enclosed copies of the last three editions of the Falkland Islands Journal.

Mrs Thatcher looks forward to reading them at the first available opportunity and I am sure she will find them a most interesting and useful source of reference.

A J Coles
Private Secretary

LOIS COTTAGE
JOHN STREET
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

January 9th, 1983.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher
c/o Government House
Stanley

My dear Prime Minister,

As a small memento of your truly historic visit to our lovely Islands I take this liberty of presenting to you copies of the last three editions of the Falkland Islands Journal.

My wife and I felt it a very great privilege to have been among Sir Rex Hunt's guests last evening at Government House.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Hunter
(Editor)

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10 DOWNING STREET

Mr G Mercer
5 Hebe Street
STANLEY

11th January 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 10 January.

Mrs Thatcher is always glad to receive the views of the people of the Falkland Islands. One of the principal purposes of her current visit was to see the situation for herself at first hand and to meet and talk to as many of the people as possible. She has much enjoyed doing this.

The Prime Minister has asked the Civil Commissioner to arrange for you to receive a more detailed reply to the points you make. She has noted the various problems you raise and has asked me to say that a number of them seem to her unavoidable in a situation where it has been necessary to build up the defences of the Islands with great speed in the interests of their people. She has been profoundly impressed by the professionalism and dedication of all involved in this task as well as the equally important task of civil rehabilitation. She has seen

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that the civil and military authorities are determined to overcome all the problems which inevitably arise and she is sure that in this they have the full support of the people.

A J Coles
Private Secretary

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Please type for John Coler's signature.

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which inevitably arise and she is sure that in
the end they have the full support of the people.

NR 11/11.

blind copy: Civil Commission,

Mrs Thatcher
140 Government House
Stanley

without prejudice

10/1/83
Silo Meyer
5 Hebel St.
Stanley

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I would like to thank you for coming to visit us so that a more personal show of appreciation could be made. I am glad you held the reins when the Argentines invaded for I feel you had the determination to cast our invaders. I have chosen this country as my home and am very grateful to you and the men who fought to free my home.

I realize you are exceptionally busy with much more important matters than the following. On their own the points I am about to raise are trivial, but since they are not on their own I wish to familiarize you with them.

I am grateful, very grateful, to the British for removing the occupying force we had to contend with.

Unfortunately, if there is a complaint of any type about the military or their behavior it is thrown in ones face that "we should have left the Archies here." There is also the real fear of offending the British public, because quite a lot seems to hinge on their opinion and blessings.

Since the military might be the touchiest point

will start with it.

I thought the bringing in of 5 met. police was a bit much, but I was wrong. They are needed to make the civilian dealing with the law feel the man in front of him is unbogged towards civilians. My observations of the MP's, not all of course, is that civies are stopped going down a one-way street but military personnel are not. When a theft was reported the MP. taking my statement remarked in a sarcastic tone, "military person I suppose." Unfortunately, yes. There has been a marked increase in drunkenness, fights, and theft. The MP's do a job I would not like.

Referring to the law. A local shopkeeper had 3 video tapes confiscated. He has no complaint about that. I would like to know why he has no committee or standards he can refer to. His films were taken, but the military is bringing in and showing the exact same films without the threat of prosecution unlike the shopkeeper.

A big point, comparatively speaking, is the military presents in Stanley proper. I would like to get military occupied houses returned so we can house the civilians. We have always had 3 military personnel living with us, but its about time we had some time in the house to ourselves. When will we get our schools and hostels returned so the children

III

Stanley and the camp can resume the education in a better atmosphere and to a higher level. To clarify that, the military is occupying a part of the junior school, and the children in camp cannot get an education for the higher studies out there.

I realize the men must live somewhere and they will vacate these buildings as soon as the camp is built. The camp will be built outside of Stanley's city limits, just. If Stanley was a military target before, it sure is now.

My riddle for the past month has been: How Temporary is a Porta cabin with a concrete walk? Examples are F. log 60 sq, CRE works, and the ones by the hospital. I know they have permission from the owners of the property to site them there, at least they got it after they were there.

I would not be writing all of this, maybe some, to you, Mrs. Thatcher, if there was a liaison office where the civilians could inquire or complain.

I am sorry but I must continue.

The bomb boys have done and are doing a great job. They have cleared lots of peat banks so the islanders can once again cut fuel without blowing themselves up. Why couldn't the powers that be locate the ammo dump on waste ground instead of a cleared peat bog?

I come to the two or three questions that you might find relevant. First, is the extent of the firing ranges.

Looking at the maps, the ranges appear to cover half of the Falklands. I realize this is a perfect place and opportunity for training. Will it continue to this extent? Will the number of troops stay around the number now here? The £35 million for the new airport? Is it R.A.F. starting or another?

It may appear that I am picking on the military. I am not concerned with them only. Time is getting short so I will consolidate a bit.

I am glad there are more teachers coming, we need them but where will they live?

Who promises the people coming down here all of the perks and the standards we offer never seem to meet the ones they were led to expect.

I wonder how a loan can be given priority for a person to buy a house for a business location and others can't get a loan to buy the house to live in.

How many of the new houses Brewsters is building will have locals living in them?

How did Brewsters get the contract to build these houses over a more experienced firm?

How did the Naffi get two prime sites in town? A lease on the Kelper store when all the locals, me too, that on no account will the building be leased or rented.

I have heard a lot about the gifts being sent for the Falklanders. Is there any monitoring on this? Where are the gifts sent to Co-op, F.I.C., and F.I.G. for distribution?

V

What happened to the money given? What about the furniture sent by the people of Stowe last July? I know there is some of the rum + cider given for liberation celebrations in the bond, where's the rest?

No, I don't want any farms broken into smaller units unless they are not being farmed. If the farms are broken up will the workers be given any form of guarantee of employment?

I realize there should be a memorial for those that died to free us. Why something so pretentious, expensive, and ugly? A simple memorial designed, built locally, of local materials would I feel be more appropriate.

I will stop now. I realize I should refer all or most of these questions and complaints to local government. Some I have with no results. I am writing to you, Mrs. Thatcher, to voice my opinions to another authority with the hopes of some results. I also wondered if you knew about any of this. And most of all in the Falklands, we are close enough to know each other, and everything is much more personal here (another reason why I love it). Thank you for reading this and I will wish you all the best and may God bless you.

With respect,
Peter Spencer



File

10 DOWNING STREET

10th January 1983

Dear Mr. Alania,

I want to thank you very much for your wonderful thought in sending over from the Hospital your very first crop of new potatoes to serve at lunch yesterday. They were delicious.

Every good wish

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Alison if it is at all possible I would
like Mrs Thatcher to have this food of new
Potatoes for lunch today with my best
wishes

Alby



10 DOWNING STREET

Group Captain Sandy Wilson AFC
Senior Royal Air Force Officer
Falkland Islands

10th January 1983

Dear Group Capt. Wilson,

Just a note to say thank you very much for making it possible for me to visit RAF Stanley today.

I found it extremely interesting and a most welcome diversion from my normal duties.

Please pass on my special thanks to Flight Lieutenant Simon Wilmhurst-Smith OCGD for his time and patience in explaining and pointing out to me the many different aspects of life throughout the Station at this present time. This has given me a better understanding of the many problems which you all face.

This was my first visit to an RAF Station proper and to have had the opportunity of seeing the Station in operation in these particular circumstances is something which I will always remember.

Once again, many thanks for the privilege.

A Logan

A Logan
Duty Clerk
Prime Minister's party



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr W Bowles
Kennedy House
STANLEY

10th January 1983

Dear Mr. Bowles,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 9 January. She is most grateful for the wonderfully warm reception which she has received from the people of the Falkland Islands - your letter is an example of that reception.

I am afraid that Mrs Thatcher's programme is so full that I doubt whether she will be able to take up your kind offer to pay you a personal visit. But if, on the many informal occasions when the Prime Minister hopes to chat to people in Stanley, when she is visiting parts of the town, you were able to make yourself known to me, I shall be glad to introduce you to the Prime Minister. She sends you her warmest regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Coles

A J Coles
Private Secretary

Rt Hon. Mrs M. Thatcher.
The Minister.
Government House.
Stanley.

Kennedy House
Stanley
Falkland Islands

January 9, 1983

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

How nice of you and Dennis to 'drop in' and see us, especially without warning — it made our day.

I can assure you, everyone in our Islands has been heartened and lifted by your determination to protect us — come what may. Your visit has crowned this assurance, and all of us are truly grateful.

Your visit here will be a happy one and a memorable one. Should you seek my advice or thoughts you will be most welcome to come and see us.

May I wish you well in the next election with your party, and hope in God you will win it.

God Bless You and Your Family.
Yours truly Willie Bowler.

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