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FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM LORD CARRINGTON

Lord Carrington has asked me to circulate the following farewell message:

"As you know, the Argentinian invasion of the Falklands has been very deeply felt in this country - perhaps more deeply than any single event in our relations with the outside world for a generation. It has led to strong criticism of Government policy in Parliament and in the press. Most of this criticism has in my view been unfounded. But I was responsible for the conduct of the policy and it is right that I should have resigned.

These three years have been a fascinating and rewarding time to be at the Foreign Office. I enjoyed it thoroughly and I leave it with sadness. I don't think we did too badly.

My wife and I will take away the warmest memories of the kindness, the friendship and the unfailing support that we have found from you and your families, both at home and abroad. I shall always feel privileged and proud to have worked with the best Diplomatic Service in the world. If all my fellow countrymen had had the same opportunity as I to see at first hand your professionalism and sense of duty, they would be as grateful as I am."

B J P FALL
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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