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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 June, 1982.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your message about the ending of the fighting in the Falkland Islands. Earlier attempts to resolve the dispute by negotiation having failed, owing to Argentine intransigence, we had no alternative but to use force to repossess British territory and restore to the Islanders the way of life which they wished to follow. The first of these objectives has been achieved and we shall now do our utmost to secure the second.

It was good of you to write. My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Siaka Stevens

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