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*Dear Stephen,*

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Falkland Islands Celebrations: Message from the  
Prime Minister

In your letter of 5 June you recorded the Prime Minister's approval of a message. The Governor of the Falklands has asked us to convey the following reply to the Prime Minister.

"I should like to thank you on behalf of all in the Falkland Islands for your most kind and welcome message on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of the Islands on 14 June.

Islanders remain eternally grateful to the British Armed Forces and people and to Her Majesty's Government for the restoration of their freedom in 1982 and subsequent support in maintaining it.

They will do all they can to continue to develop these islands with great care, to preserve their essential character while benefiting from the advantages of the fishery and possibly, in due course, oil. Their loyalty to Britain remains steadfast.

We shall all hope it will be possible for you to visit the islands before too long. You would be most welcome".

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: PRIME MINISTERS MESSAGE FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
LIBERATION

1. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOLLOWING REPLY COULD BE PASSED TO  
THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS

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FOR YOUR MOST KIND AND WELCOME MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE ISLANDS ON 14 JUNE.

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PEOPLE AND TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR  
FREEDOM IN 1982 AND SUBSEQUENT SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING IT.

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WE SHALL ALL HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT THE  
ISLANDS BEFORE LONG. YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

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