



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

13 May 1982

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

I was very touched by your recent letter on the Falkland Islands and by your very generous cheque.

Naturally, we still hope to achieve a diplomatic solution to the dispute which will safeguard the rights and wishes of the Islanders. But we have to be prepared to do whatever is necessary to free them from Argentine occupation, and I am very grateful for your contribution. I will pass it on to the Ministry of Defence, and I know they will be grateful too. I hesitate to encourage you to send any more contributions because you have already given so much, and because we can meet the cost of the Fleet from public funds.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. Greta Thompson.

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