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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR SIR A PARSONS FROM PRIME MINISTER.

1. I HAVE THIS MORNING BEEN READING YOUR OVERNIGHT TELEGRAMS AND SHOULD LIKE TO SAY ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH I HAVE ADMIRERD YOUR HANDLING OF THE U N ASPECT OF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS. I KNOW THAT YOU HAD ARGUED FOR DIFFERENT TACTICS YESTERDAY, AND IT COULD BE THAT THESE WOULD HAVE WON US SOME MORE TIME. BUT IN THE WIDER CONTEXT, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL MOOD IN BRITAIN AND ABOVE ALL THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE GROUND, I AM SURE IT WAS BETTER TO REACH THE CLEARCUT RESULT IN LAST NIGHT'S RESOLUTION. THE VOTE WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT AND I HAVE THIS MORNING EXPRESSED MY FEELINGS TO THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER IN NO UNCERTAIN MANNER. BUT THE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT HERE LAST NIGHT SHOWED HOW RIGHT YOU ARE TO REBUT THE SUGGESTION THAT BRITAIN IS INTERNATIONALLY ISOLATED. I IMAGINE THE LULL AT THE U N WILL ONLY BE TEMPORARY, SO THAT I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF FURTHER WISE AND ENTERTAINING TELEGRAMS FROM YOUR PEN TO LOOK FORWARD TO. VERY MANY THANKS INDEED.

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Following Personal for Sir A Parsons from Prime Minister

1. I have this morning been reading your overnight telegrams and should like to say once again how much I have admired your handling of the UN aspect of the Falklands crisis during the last two months. I know that you had argued for different tactics yesterday, and it could be that these would have won us some more time. But in the wider context, including the national mood in Britain and above all the military situation on the ground, I am sure it was better to reach the clear-cut result in last night's resolution. The vote was a disappointment and I have this morning expressed my feelings to the Japanese Prime Minister in no uncertain manner. But the discussion of this subject here last

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night showed how right you are to rebut the
suggestion that Britain is ^{internationally} nationally isolated.
I imagine the lull at the UN will only be
temporary, so that I have the pleasure of further
wise and entertaining telegrams from your pen to
look forward to. Very many thanks indeed.

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