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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. *T 658/82*

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 36 OF 8 APRIL

MY TELNO 34: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER PINDLING TO THE PM DELIVERED  
1830Z 8 APRIL READS:

BEGINS

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE PERSONAL MESSAGE CONVEYED TO ME  
ON 3RD APRIL BY YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER, HERE IN NASSAU.

I AND MY GOVERNMENT LEARNT WITH GREAT ASTONISHMENT AND DEEP  
REGRET OF ARGENTINA'S MILITARY INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

IT IS DEEPLY DISQUIETING THAT DESPITE PERSONAL APPEALS FOR  
RESTRAINT BY THE UN SECURITY GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL, PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND YOUR OWN OFFER TO  
CONTINUE THE DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE, ARGENTINA REJECTED ALL  
ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE IT TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE  
DISPUTE.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE TRANSMITTED A NOTE TO THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, INDICATING ITS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION  
IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND REAFFIRMED ITS BELIEF IN THE  
INVIOLABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND THE  
UNEQUIVOCAL REJECTION OF THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING



UNEQUIVOCAL REJECTION OF THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING  
DISPUTES AMONG STATES.

MY GOVERNMENT ALSO RESTATED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE  
OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE FALKLAND ISLAND  
PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL DESTINY.

AND FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS URGED THE GOVERNMENT  
OF ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION  
DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS FORCES FROM THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT  
SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THEIR DISPUTE.

YOURS VERY SINCERELY

LYNDEN O PINDLING

PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

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2. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.

3. UNDERSTAND FROM MEA THAT TEXT IS NOT (NOT) TO BE RELEASED HERE  
BUT THAT REFERENCE TO THE LETTER WILL BE MADE IN A BAHAMAS  
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED EITHER TODAY OR ON 10 APRIL.

PAPADOPOULOS

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