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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Chief Rabbi,

Thank you for your telegram. Like you, I grieve over those who have given their lives in the South Atlantic. As you say, they gave them to defend a very important principle; the Argentine dictatorship must not profit from its use of naked force; and we cannot allow the Islanders' rights and wishes to be denied by another country's territorial ambitions; they must be freed from occupation. Naturally we would prefer to achieve that peacefully, and we continue to search for a negotiated settlement. The search is long and hard, and it is good to know your prayers are with us.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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The Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits

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