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spent some four hours considering
Mr. King's latest proposals. Francis
Pym has spoken on our behalf
but I am writing to you
separately because I think you
are the only person who will
understand the ~~the~~ significance of what
I am trying to say.

Throughout my communication
I have tried to stay loyal to

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the United States as our great ally, and to the principles of democracy, liberty and justice.

In your message you say that your supporters are faithful to the basic principles we must protect. I wish they were but they are not. I recognize that ^{in retrospect} ~~that~~

~~Friday in Parliament.~~

On some ^{flexibility} ~~compromise~~ is necessary but there are surely some things on which we should not compromise. Two principles have been cherished ~~principally~~

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in ~~connection~~ Parliament throughout
all our debates and I have heard
them echoed in ~~various~~ radio
interviews with your friends: just
the right to self-determination and
second that aggression must not
pay.

The present proposals do
not provide a right to self-determination,
although it is fundamental to democracy
and was espoused by the leaders up to
the moment of invasion. We asked
that it should be included.

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The reply, contained in Mr. Hay's
letter to Mr. Pym was that it
~~it~~ could not because the Government
would not accept it. So our
~~fundamental~~ principles are no longer what
we believe, nor those we were elected
to serve, but what the dictators
will accept. I have tried to temper
Mr. Hay's proposals ~~by~~ by suggesting that
the entire administration ^{at least} must
consult with the body elected representatives.
It is not much to ask - ~~particularly~~ ^{and I}

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do not think you will turn it down. ~~London it is~~

On the second point - that
aggression must not be seen
to pay. The proposals are also
leakage. The military just will
be able to maintain that ~~the~~ ^{through}
mission, they have ~~been~~ ^{succeeded} ~~succeeded~~ in
~~the~~ ^{our} ~~the~~ British administration, with all
that that means ^{have suggested} ~~and~~ ~~discussed~~ the
policy of self-determination, and [Garnier
a representative framework which first
~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~is~~ ~~very~~ structure

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and membership is likely to
 lead to substantially increased
 Argentina's ~~power~~ ~~power~~ power of
 not ~~and possibly~~ ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} ~~has~~ ~~ever~~ ~~though~~ ~~it~~
 does not ~~for~~ transfer sovereignty. And
 what ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ^{is} do stop another invasion
 to achieve the rest?

Perhaps you will now be
 taking ~~but~~ ~~no~~ ~~deply~~ ~~about~~ ~~this~~.

Before this ^{appealed} ~~was~~. The Falklands were
 a ~~domestic~~ ~~country~~, ^{with} ^{which} ~~is~~
 a ~~part~~ ~~of~~. ~~After~~ ~~the~~ ~~proposal~~

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Settlement, - ~~the one~~
~~the ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~~~
~~had to do about through the ~~the~~~~
~~and the they stand to forfeit~~
~~they will forfeit stand to forfeit~~
~~some A more ~~the~~ ~~because~~ ~~the~~~~
~~condition they were entitled to~~
~~but have compromised their~~
~~that they cannot have in~~
~~the way of life they want. ~~But~~~~

Perhaps you will now see why
 I feel so deeply about this. That
 one ~~part~~ ~~condition~~ ~~friendship~~, to which

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I still loyally adhere, should
have brought me and those I represent
into conflict with fundamental
democratic principles soundly imprinted
upon me at the White House
and I am at No 10.

I too want a peaceful settlement
but we really must put up
^{more} formidable diplomatic teeth for
the Russians or for others who may be
suddenly tempted if we fail.

The letter to Reagan
that was never sent.....
5th May 1982.

My Cabinet colleagues and I have spent some four hours considering Mr. Haig's latest proposals. Francis Pym has replied on our behalf but I am writing to you separately because I think you are the only person who will understand the significance of what I am trying to say.

Throughout my administration I have tried to stay loyal to the United States as our great ally, and to the principles of democracy, liberty and justice.

In your message you say that your suggestions are faithful to the basic principles we must protect. I wish they were but *alas* they are not. I recognise that in negotiations some flexibility is necessary but there are surely some things on which we should not compromise. Two principles have been stressed in Parliament throughout all our debates and I have heard them echoed in *radio* ~~media~~ interviews with your Senators: first the right to self-determination and second that aggression must not pay.

The present proposals do not provide a right to self-determination although it is fundamental to democracy and was enjoyed by the Islanders up to the moment of invasion. We asked that it should be included. The reply, contained in Mr. Haig's letter to Francis Pym was that it could not because the Argentines would not accept it. So our principles are no longer what we believe, nor those we were elected to *serve* ~~give~~, but what the dictator will accept. I have tried to temper Mr. Haig's proposals a little, by suggesting that the interim administration must at

/least

least consult with the locally elected representatives. It is not much to ask - and I do not think you will turn it down.

On the second point - that aggression must not be seen to pay, the proposals are also lacking. The military junta will be able to proclaim that through invasion, they have succeeded in ousting the British administration, with all that that means, have subjugated the right of self-determination, and have gained a negotiating framework which from its very structure and membership is likely to lead to substantially increased Argentine powers even though it does not of itself transfer sovereignty. And what then is to stop another invasion to achieve the rest?

Before this aggression the Falklands were a democratic country, with liberty and a just law. After the proposed settlement, the one thing they cannot have is the only way of life they want.

Perhaps you will now see why I feel so deeply about this. That our traditional friendship, to which I still loyally adhere, should have brought me and those I represent into conflict with fundamental democratic principles sounds impossible while you are at the White House and I am at No.10.

I too want a peaceful settlement but we really must put up a more formidable diplomatic fight for the Falklanders and for others who may be similarly treated if we fail.