

STRICTLY PERSONAL

3rd June, 1982

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1.

Dear Rimeliniètes

Shortly after our exchange of letters on 22nd and 26th April, the direct telex link with Stanley was cut off and there has been little worthwhile from the Islanders to pass on to you. I was delighted to see that our people in Darwin and Goose Green had sent you a direct message of appreciation for all you have done for them and it was evident from your television interview last night that it was greatly appreciated.

Somehow or other, Harry Milne our General Manager in Stanley is still managing to get brief telegrams out to me through Buenos Aires to say that they are all still safe and well there but they must be extremely anxious. Copies of the telegrams are attached, together with the telex from Brook Hardcastle, our Farms General Manager in Darwin, which I have acknowledged through the B.B.C. "Calling the Falklands".

May I express my very sincere admiration for and congratulations on the tenacity and good sense with which you have handled the whole affair. I share your hope that action on Stanley can be avoided but also your comment that the Argentines offer little ground for optimism.

Finally, if it is considered at any stage that there is any way in which I or The Falkland Island Company can be of service, we shall be pleased to do what we can. I would certainly be glad to be able to get out there as soon as that is physically possible.