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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 May 1982

*Dear Mr. Benn,*

You wrote on 18 May enclosing a petition signed by 830 people in Bristol in support of a halt to military action in the South Atlantic.

My colleagues and I have repeatedly made plain in the House of Commons the basis on which we are searching for a peaceful solution to the Falkland Islands dispute. We have also emphasised that all our rights and options for military action, if diplomacy fails, remain open.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Tony Benn*

The Rt. Hon. Tony Benn, MP.

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