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The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London,
UNITED KINGDOM.

PRIME MINISTER
PERSONAL
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your message to me explaining your Government's position regarding Falkland Islands. I had the message and the accompanying note circulated to all the Commonwealth Heads of Government who attended the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting which ended in Suva last week.

I also took the opportunity to refer to the message during the Retreat. The Heads of Government noted the communication with interest and I believe that there is now a better appreciation of your Government's position on Falkland Islands.

As you have already noted my Government understands and is sympathetic to British position. We hope that given time and goodwill on all sides the Falkland Islands dispute will be resolved peacefully.

Yours sincerely,

K.K.T. Mara
Prime Minister