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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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From the Private Secretary

13 April, 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS: AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC MEASURES

Thank you for your letter of 9 April. The Prime Minister would be grateful if a message could be passed to Mr Fraser in the following terms:-

"Dear Malcolm,

Thank you for your letter of 8 April. I am deeply grateful to you for your decision to ban all imports from Argentina and to withhold export credits. This is exactly the kind of support we need. Your decision gave a great boost to the morale of all those who believe in the free world.

Your timely action will be an important factor in bringing pressure to bear on Argentina to withdraw from the Falkland Islands and thus in avoiding the need for the use of force.

With my warmest regards.

Margaret Thatcher."

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