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PRIME MINISTER

The Speaker told me this afternoon that it had been put to him that there should be a Service of Thanksgiving for the end of hostilities in the Falklands in St. Margaret's, Westminster. Next Tuesday morning, 22 June, is the preferred day.

The Speaker said that before he did any more about this suggestion - and in particular before he sounded out the other parties - he would like to know whether it commended itself to you. I undertook to find out.

I see no objection in principle myself, but such a Service will anticipate in a small way the bigger occasions involving men of the Task Force on their return which you have in mind.

You would be free to attend a Service next Tuesday morning if one were held.

What would you like me to tell the Speaker?

I think we should
leave it to a bigger
occasion in St. Paul's.
JAH.

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I passed the Prime
Minister's view on to the
Speaker's Secretary. He said
that the Speaker had
come to the conclusion since
his conversation with me that
this was not a good idea.

JAH
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