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From the High Commissioner H.E.The Hon L.W. Gandar

15 June 1982

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, No. 10 Downing Street, LONDON.

Dear Pour minter

I have been asked to pass on to you the following message from my Prime Minister:

"Dear Margaret,

Now that the fighting on the Falklands has ended in success, I want to congratulate you and your Government on the courage and steadfastness with which Britain has overcome the challenge of aggression and upheld the freedoms of the Falkland Islanders. All New Zealanders admire the bravery and dash of the Services in achieving these goals. There has been an inevitable cost in lives and wounded. Not only the Falkland Islanders, but all of us, owe a debt to your resolve and their sacrifice.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Muldoon"

May I take the opportunity to add my own warm congratulations on the successful achievement of the surrender of the Argentine forces on the Falkland Islands.

Nows succeedy landar.