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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr. President,

As I said in my message of 13 April, I am most grateful to you for the part you played in helping to secure common action by the Ten against Argentina following its illegal and unprovoked aggression against the Falkland Islands.

I have since received your letter, delivered by Monsieur de Marjerie on 16 April, in which you agreed to take the matter up with the Japanese during your visit to Tokyo. I understand that despite repeated efforts by yourself and Claude Cheysson, the Japanese have up to now not been persuaded to take effective action. But I am most grateful for your and Claude's personal intervention and close interest. As you know, we are in the closest touch with the Americans and continue to hope that strong pressure from the international Community will have its effect on Argentina. The pressure will certainly need to be maintained.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand

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