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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 June, 1982

Dear Francis,

You informed me at OD(SA) this morning that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Emergency Unit, which has been handling the Falklands situation, is now to be closed.

I am most grateful to all those in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who have been associated with this operation. I know that many people have worked long hours, at night as well as during the day, to process the mass of information reaching us from abroad and to carry out all the necessary diplomatic activity across the world. The Emergency Unit's daily production of briefing for the meetings of OD(SA) was invaluable - not once did it arrive late.

The weeks since the Argentine invasion have been a difficult and often worrying time. Now that they have resulted in a splendid success, all concerned can take great credit. My warm thanks to everyone. Well done.

Yours ever,

Margaret

The Rt. Hon. Francis Pym, M.C., M.P.

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