



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Sir Rex and Lady Hunt,

My visit to the Falkland Islands was a historic one, and a very moving experience for me. You will know as well as anyone how much the Falkland Islands have been in my heart and thoughts over the last year. I was deeply touched by the warmth and kindness of the welcome I received everywhere I went and from everyone I met. I know that what was being expressed to me was the loyalty of the Falkland Islanders to Britain and their gratitude for the professionalism and gallantry of the task force in freeing the Falkland Islands from the domination of an invader.

I write to thank you both, and your staff, for your hospitality and kindness to myself, my husband, and my staff during our visit, and for everything which was done to enable me to meet so many of the people of the islands and to see something of their current projects and problems. I realise how very hard all those involved in the organisation of my visit must have had to work, particularly since the arrangements had to be made with so little notice. Thank you all so much for a visit which from my point of view was successful as well as unforgettable, and which has helped me to understand so much more of the issues and challenges facing the Falkland Islands in the future.

My husband joins me in sending our best wishes to both of you.

Warm regards.

Sir Rex Hunt, C.M.G., and Lady Hunt

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*