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From the Private Secretary

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After dining with the other participants in the Versailles Summit on Friday, 4 June, the Prime Minister briefly described that part of the discussion which had concerned the Falklands. Mrs. Thatcher said that she had found strong support for our general position and President Reagan had been particularly robust in his comments. The main new idea which had emerged (originated by President Reagan and then taken up by President Mitterrand) was that those countries which were operating sanctions against Argentina should, when Port Stanley had fallen, tell the Argentines that if they agreed to a total cessation of hostilities, sanctions would be lifted.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of OD(SA) and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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