

PRIME MINISTER

FALKLAND ISLANDS: 150th ANNIVERSARY

The attached letter from the FCO recommends that you should send a message on 3 January to mark this event.

I attach a message which The Queen will be sending.

I am not entirely happy with the FCO text. You may like to send a message on the following lines:

"I have the greatest pleasure in sending you my congratulations and very best wishes on this historic occasion.

1982 brought both tragedy and triumph to the Falkland Islands. Neither you nor we in Britain will ever forget those experiences.

Today, we salute a brave and loyal people. We remember with pride the role of the Falkland Islands in British history. We look forward to a future in which you and your children continue to live in freedom with justice, in peace with security.

It is worth working for. We shall ~~work with you.~~

share and succeed together.

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Handly on my behalf

21 December 1982

Message approved by The Queen.

"I have great pleasure in sending you my congratulations on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of continuous British settlement of the Falkland Islands. You have recently been through a terrible experience during which the sympathies of the British people were with you. I hope that we can now look forward to a peaceful and prosperous future for the Falkland Islands. My very best wishes to you all."

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21 December 1982

Dear John,

As you know, 3 January 1983 marks the 150th Anniversary of continuous British settlement of the Falkland Islands.

Mr Pym believes that a message of good wishes from the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, would be appropriate on this occasion. *Passage deleted and closed, 40 years, under FOI Exemption. @Wayland, 19 Feb. 2013*

Such a message from the Prime Minister would be greatly appreciated by the Islanders after their recent experiences. It might also be appropriate to mention the future development of the Islands now that the Government's response to Lord Shackleton's report has been made public.

Although, as the Prime Minister is aware, celebrations to mark the Anniversary have been postponed, for rehabilitation reasons, until late February, Mr Pym believes that a message might most appropriately be transmitted (via the Civil Commissioner) on 3 January.

If the Prime Minister agrees, we suggest that the message might be on the following lines:

'I have great pleasure in sending you my congratulations and very best wishes on this historic occasion.

The past year has seen both tragedy and triumph for the Falkland Islands. Many of you went through experiences in 1982 that you will not easily forget. We in Britain will not forget them either.

Our task now, as life returns to normal, is to look forward. The British Government have made it clear, in our response to the Shackleton Report, that we are determined to play our part. I know we can rely on you, the Falkland Islanders, to work with us in the years ahead, so that together we can build a secure, prosperous and peaceful future'.

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If the Prime Minister agrees to send a message,
your Press Office may wish to issue it to the press on
3 January.

Yours ever

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Prime Minister

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Content that Mr. & Mrs. Marten
should go to the celebrations? -

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Agree that, in view of the security
problem, we should not actively
encourage Royal participation?

14 December 1982

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Dear John,

Falkland Islands: 150th Anniversary Celebrations

As you know, since I wrote to you on 22 October about a possible visit to the Islands by the Prime Minister, further consideration has been given to ministerial representation at the celebrations.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary proposes to ask the Minister for Overseas Development and Mrs Marten to represent HMG on this occasion. This decision would not be announced immediately for security reasons of which you will be aware. In the meantime the Civil Commissioner would be instructed to reply to enquiries about ministerial representation in the terms of telegram number Personal 38 to Port Stanley, a copy of which is attached.

There is also a potential problem about Royal representation. In my letter of 22 October I gave you Mr Pym's view that we should not seek to discourage Prince Andrew from attending. However, no formal invitation to him has yet been issued and as you know there has been more recent consideration of the threat. In the circumstances we have thought it best not to refer directly to Prince Andrew and propose to suggest to the Civil Commissioner that he not encourage the idea of Royal participation. If Prince Andrew is invited nevertheless, we shall have to look carefully at the nature of the advice we should give the Palace.

Yours ever
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From the Principal Private Secretary

23 December, 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS: 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Prime Minister had a brief word with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary today about the proposals in your letter of 14 December on representation at the celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands. They did not reach a conclusion and agree to return to the question after the Christmas holiday.

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From the Private Secretary

22 December 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS: 150TH ANNIVERSARY:
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister agrees with the recommendation of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary that she should send a message of good wishes on behalf of the Government on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary. As you suggest, our Press Office will take action accordingly on 3 January.

The text which the Prime Minister has approved reads as follows:

"I have the greatest pleasure in sending you my congratulations and very best wishes on this historic occasion.

1982 brought both tragedy and triumph to the Falkland Islands. Neither you nor we in Britain will ever forget those experiences.

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It is worth working for. We shall strive and succeed together."

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PRESS SUMMARY

1. OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS, ATTENTION HAS PREDICTABLY BEEN FOCUSED ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLANDS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AGUIRRE LANARI'S STATEMENT REASSERTING ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS AND EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE BRITISH TOO WOULD NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. (TRANSLATION TO FCO BY BAG). ARGENTINE DECLARATIONS AT THE UN AND THE OAS ARE SIMILARLY HIGH-LIGHTED.

2. A WIDE VARIETY OF CEREMONIES TO REPUDIATE THE BRITISH PRESENCE IN THE ISLANDS AND TO COMMEMORATE THE ARGENTINE TROOPS LOST IN THE FIGHTING WERE HELD HERE YESTERDAY. ALL PASSED OFF WITHOUT SERIOUS ALARM, BUT THERE WAS A FLAG-BURNING INCIDENT OUTSIDE THE BOLSA OFFICES IN BUENOS AIRES, THIS CONTRAVENED LOCAL LAW AGAINST INSULTING NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER WE SHOULD MAKE A LOW LEVEL PROTEST THROUGH THE SWISS.

3. CIVILIAN POLITICIANS FROM ACROSS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM AND LABOUR LEADERS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT ARGENTINA SHOULD RESERVE HER "LEGITIMATE" RIGHT TO EXERCISE THE MILITARY OPTION IF PEACEFUL ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN THE FALKLANDS FAIL. (TRANSLATION TO FCO BY BAG).

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4. MOST PAPERS ALSO REFER TO A DECISION BY MRS THATCHER TO CANCEL A VISIT TO PORT STANLEY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY AND NOTE RECENT BRITISH LEGISLATION GRANTING FULL UK CITIZENSHIP TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.

5. ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN CONSULTATIONS WITH PROMINENT POLITICIANS ON THE FRAMING OF THE ELECTORAL LAW. THE SIGNING OF THE BRIDGING LOAN ON 31 DECEMBER WAS REPORTED WITH SATISFACTION AND THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE PROPOSED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM RUMBLES ON.

6. RUMOURS OF AN IMMINENT DEVALUATION OF THE PESO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY DENIED BUT INFLATION FOR 1982 HAS BEEN PUT AT 200 PER CENT, THE HIGHEST RATE SINCE 1976.

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7 January 1983

Falkland Islands:
150th Anniversary Celebrations

When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister this morning it was agreed that the Government should be represented at the above event by Mr. Cranley Onslow.

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From the Private Secretary

13 January, 1983.

Falkland Islands: 150th Anniversary

I wrote to you on 7 January saying that the Prime Minister and Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary had decided that Mr. Cranley Onslow should be invited to represent HMG at the 150th anniversary celebrations in the Falklands. Following a further brief word with Mr. Pym this afternoon, the Prime Minister now thinks that it might be more appropriate for the new Minister for Overseas Development to represent the Government at this event.

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19 January, 1983

Dear John,

Falkland Islands: 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

Since I wrote to you on 14 December 1982, the Prime Minister and Mr Pym have agreed that the Government should be represented at the celebrations by Mr Raison.

The Falkland Islanders' Co-ordinating Committee have sent invitations to a variety of people connected with the Falklands. The following Members of Parliament have accepted the invitation - Mr Ogden, Mr Shersby, Lady Vickers, Lord Shackleton and Lord Buxton. Replies are still outstanding from the Labour and Liberal Party Whips. The Parliamentarians will travel as an official party and the cost of their travel will be borne by the FCO vote. Representatives of private enterprise such as Mr Needham of the Falkland Islands Company will travel with the official party but at their own expense. The Ministry of Defence are in touch with Rear Admiral Sir Sandy Woodward and Major General Sir Jeremy Moore about their invitations.

There had, at an earlier stage, been some suggestion from the Islands that Prince Andrew might attend the celebrations. We had reservations about this, principally on security grounds. However, no formal invitation has been forthcoming and, in any case, I understand His Royal Highness is now at sea. As you will recall, The Queen has already sent a message to the Islanders on the occasion of the 150th anniversary and for the celebrations we believe it would be appropriate for Her Majesty simply to be represented by the Civil Commissioner.

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19 February 2013

Yours ever
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From the Private Secretary

28 January 1983

Falkland Islands: 150th Anniversary
Celebrations

We spoke earlier this week about your letter of 19 January. This is just to record that the Prime Minister thinks it would be appropriate for Sir Rex Hunt to represent Her Majesty The Queen at the 150th anniversary celebrations.

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*W. Dayland
19 February 2013*

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