

~~Prime Minister~~

I was not very
happy with the drafts,
so have done
alternative versions,
which you will find
immediately behind this

PRIME MINISTER

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

You have agreed to record three seasonal messages for broadcast by the BBC World Service at 11.00am tomorrow. The recording will be in the White Room. The BBC will record the message for "Calling the Falklands", and then the COI those for the BBC's Russian and Czechoslovak language services.

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The Russian language service have also asked you to select a piece of music to go with your message. Mr Waldegrave has suggested that the passage in Fidelio when the prisoners see the light of freedom might be appropriate.

Content with the attached draft messages and the suggestion for the music?

Peter Bean

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