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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 166/82.

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 August, 1982.

My dear Premier,

I should like to express my most sincere thanks for the very generous donation to the South Atlantic Fund enclosed with your letter of 4 August which I have now seen on my return from a short holiday. I am greatly moved by the strength of the support of the Bermuda Government and people and for the encouragement and solidarity you have shown by this remarkable gesture.

Please convey to the Government and people of Bermuda my personal appreciation and that of the British Government.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Honourable John W Swan, J.P., M.P.,



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 August 1982

Dear Tim,

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Gift By Bermuda to the South Atlantic Fund

I enclose a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to the Premier of Bermuda, Mr John Swan, in response to the latter's letter of 4 August forwarding a cheque for £122,608.76 for the South Atlantic Fund which you enclosed with your letter of 12 August.

We will arrange for the reply to be delivered through the Governor.

Yours ever

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

T Flesher Esq
10 Downing Street

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
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Hon John W Swan JP MP
Premier
The Cabinet Office
Hamilton
BERMUDA

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With all good wishes,

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 August 1982

Dear Stephen,

I attach a copy of some correspondence the Prime Minister has received from the Premier of Bermuda via the Governor. As you will see, Bermuda has donated £122,608.76 to the South Atlantic Fund and I have passed the cheque to the Ministry of Defence.

B/F - I have acknowledged both the Governor's letter and that of the Premier, but I should be grateful if you could submit a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature on her return by 22 August.

Yours ever,

Timothy Flesher

Stephen Lamport, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 August 1982

Dear Jane,

As I mentioned on the phone, Bermuda has donated £122,608.76 to the South Atlantic Fund and I attach herewith the cheque, together with a copy of the correspondence from the Premier of Bermuda. The Prime Minister will be replying to Mr. Swan herself on her return from holiday.

Yours ever,

Tim

Timothy Flesher

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 August 1982

Dear Private Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, who is at present out of the country, to acknowledge Mr. Swan's letter to Mrs. Thatcher, enclosing a cheque for £122,608.76 for the South Atlantic Fund. I know that Mrs. Thatcher will be delighted by this remarkably generous gesture, and she will be writing to Mr. Swan herself as soon as she returns from her holiday in Switzerland.

*Yours sincerely,
Timothy Flesher*

Timothy Flesher

The Private Secretary to the
Premier of Bermuda



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 August 1982

Dear Sir Richard

Thank you for your letter of 6 August, enclosing one from the Premier of Bermuda and a cheque for £122,608.76 for the South Atlantic Fund.

The Prime Minister is at present in Switzerland but will be replying to Mr. Swan on her return; in the meantime I have acknowledged Bermuda's most generous contribution to the Fund.

*Yours sincerely,
Tim Flesher*

Timothy Flesher

Sir Richard Posnett, K.B.E., C.M.G.



Government House
Bermuda

6th August, 1982.

The Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1

Jean Rivak Secretary,

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I am forwarding herewith a letter and cheque representing the proceeds of the collection made in Bermuda under the sponsorship of the elected Government for the South Atlantic Fund. The Premier, the Hon. J.W. Swan, mentioned this to Mrs. Thatcher during his visit in June. The collection was entirely voluntary, except insofar as the Government itself agreed to contribute. In neither case did I exert any pressure or offer any advice. It can therefore be seen to be entirely the product of the people of Bermuda.

Yours sincerely

Richard Posnett

Richard Posnett
Governor

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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Premier

The Cabinet Office
Hamilton 5-24, Bermuda
4th August, 1982.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

Since you were gracious enough to mention Bermuda's effort to raise money for the South Atlantic Fund during our meeting on the 8th of June, I am taking the liberty of forwarding with this letter a cheque for £122,608.76 (BD\$215,497.16).

I am pleased to say that the largest amount, \$134,000, was contributed by individuals in Bermuda and is, I feel, very creditable for a population of some 53,000.

The ex-service associations - the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and Artillery raised \$30,000, while Government contributed \$50,000.

Our fervent hope is that there will not be a similar occurrence in the future but you can be assured that should such be the case Bermuda will be ready to assist in any way we can.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Swan
Premier

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