201/82 PRIME MINISTER PRIME MINISTER'S CANBERRA PERSONAL MESSAGE SERIAL No. T201/82. See RV Garland, Australian HIC to PM E1 NOV 1982 ARGENTING PELATIONS: PT 30. My Wear Mayant Thank you for your letter of 26 October asking for Australia's support in the vote on the Argentine resolution on the Falklands. My Government has carefully considered your letter. I am pleased to be able to say that Australia continues to support Britain in this matter, and will abstain in the vote on the Argentine resolution. We would be happy for you to refer to our position in representations your Government may make to others on this matter. The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP Prime Minister of Great Britain UNITED KINGDOM

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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1982

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I enclose a copy of a letter from the Australian High Commissioner in which he conveys a message from the Australian Prime Minister. This is to the effect that Australia will continue to support Britain on the Falklands issue and will abstain in the vote on the UN Resolution.

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High Commissioner The Hon. Sir Victor Garland, KBE

5 November 1982

Dear Mr Flesher.

Further to the High Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of 29 October 1982 conveying the text of a letter from the Australian Prime Minister, enclosed is the original of the letter forwarded by diplomatic bag.

Yours sincerely,

(Neroli Doust)

Personal Secretary

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