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*From the Private Secretary*

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FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter of 29 October about the speech which Sir John Thomson will make at the beginning of the Debate on the Falklands in the United Nations General Assembly, probably tomorrow.

The Prime Minister is generally content with the draft as amended. You should know, however, that with regard to paragraph 17 the Prime Minister has asked whether the word "administration" in the 7th line should not read "sovereignty".

Mrs. Thatcher is also doubtful about the second sentence in paragraph 19 which reads "There is so much more in dispute than just the question of sovereignty over land". She is not clear about the meaning of this sentence and you may think that it can be discarded.

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