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Prime Minister

Agree to send messages  
to President of Tanzania  
and Sultan of Oman?

23 November 1982

A.J.C. <sup>23</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

*Yes, not*

Dear John,

Falklands at the General Assembly

In your letter of 12<sup>5</sup> November you asked for a draft message from the Prime Minister to the Sultan of Oman. You subsequently asked me by telephone for a draft message to President Nyerere of Tanzania in response to his letter of 8 November (copy attached for ease of reference).

I attach two draft messages in the form of telegrams to Dar es Salaam and Muscat.

Yours ever

*John Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
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10 YOUR TELNO 464: FALKLANDS AT UNGA

11 1. Please convey to President Nyerere the following reply from  
12 the Prime Minister. Begins:

13 Thank you for your letter of 8 November. I was grateful for the  
14 sympathy shown by Tanzania during the Falklands crisis, and I  
15 know how strongly you feel about self-determination. As you  
16 know, following the recent General Assembly debate, more than  
17 60 countries refused to lend their support to Argentina, among  
18 them more than two-thirds of the Commonwealth. I will not  
19 conceal from you my disappointment that Tanzania was not among  
20 that number. While I recognise that you ~~would have~~ wished to  
21 consider the implications of Tanzania's vote for various African  
22 issues, I very much hope that the reservation expressed in your  
23 message does not mean that you consider the principles of self-  
24 determination, <sup>do</sup> not ~~to~~ apply to the Falkland Islands.

25 Please accept, in turn, my kind regards and warm personal

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2 wishes.  
3 I look forward to meeting you again at the next Commonwealth  
4 Heads of Government Meeting, which is shortly to be prepared by  
5 the Meeting of Commonwealth Senior Officials in Arusha.  
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*Thank very please*

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OUR IPT: FALKLANDS: PRIME MINISTERIAL MESSAGES.

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TEXT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER TO THE PRIME

MINISTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T214A182

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DEAR MRS THATCHER,

THANK YOU FOR WRITING TO ME ABOUT THE U.N.  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUE.

OUR FOREIGN MINISTER, NDUGU SALIM AHMED SALIM, DID SPEAK TO YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER TO EXPLAIN TO HIM WHY WE FELT THAT WE HAD TO VOTE FOR THE AMENDED RESOLUTION. YOU WILL HAVE HAD A FULL REPORT FROM MR. SANKEY. YET I WANTED TO WRITE TO YOU PERSONALLY FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, BECAUSE I DO VALUE OUR DIRECT COMMUNICATION ON MATTERS OF MAJOR CONCERN TO OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES: AND SECONDLY BECAUSE I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE DO UNDERSTAND BRITAIN'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. WHEN AMIN'S TROOPS HAD BEEN PUSHED OUT OF TANZANIA WE DID NOT AGREE TO TALK WITH HIM, AND ALTHOUGH THERE IS NOT A DIRECT PARALLEL BETWEEN THE TWO SITUATIONS TNEU-95-9. (E SUFFICIENT SIMILARITIES FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL IMPERATIVES WHICH PROMPTED YOUR GOVERNMENT'S STAND. TANZANIA IS ALSO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION: ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US ON THAT SCORE RELATE TO PROBLEMS OF ITS APPLICATION IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. IN OUR OWN CONTINENT, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE THE PROBLEM OF MAYOTTE AS PART OF COMOROS, - AND INDEED THE PROBLEM OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES TO YOU. I AM HAPPY TO SEE FROM NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS THAT YOUR HEALTH DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AFFECTED BY THE STRAINS OF HIGH OFFICE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, AND I HOPE THEY GIVE AN ABSOLUTELY CORRECT PICTURE.

YOURS SINCERELY,

JULIUS K. NYERERE

FCO PSE PASS SAVING .

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*From the Private Secretary*

24 November 1982

FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter of 23 November. The Prime Minister agrees that the messages to President Nyerere and the Sultan of Oman should be despatched.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

15 November, 1982

Falklands at the General Assembly

Thank you for your letter of 12 November. The Prime Minister agrees that the proposed message from herself to the President of Sri Lanka should be despatched and I should be grateful if you would arrange for this.

Mrs. Thatcher also considers that we should thank the Sultan of Oman for his country's negative vote. I should be grateful if you would provide a draft.

A. J. COLES

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

12 November 1982

Agree that this message  
should be telegraphed?

A.P.C. 12/11

Yes - and  
one to Oman  
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Dear John,

Falklands at the General Assembly

Thank you for your letter of 4 November, with which you enclosed a copy of a message from the President of Sri Lanka to the Prime Minister about the Sri Lankan decision to vote against the Argentine draft resolution.

We recommend that the Prime Minister should send a brief message of appreciation in reply. We had not expected Sri Lanka to do better than abstain and the decision is known to have been very much the President's own.

We do not propose that the Prime Minister should send any other messages of appreciation. Her messages to the Prime Ministers of New Zealand, Fiji and Belize in the week before the vote already took the form of expressions of gratitude for the robust attitude those governments were taking rather than requests for assistance. Apart from Sri Lanka, the only Heads of Government to have replied to the Prime Minister's messages are Australia, Singapore and the Maldives, which all abstained. All the posts concerned have already been asked to convey our thanks as appropriate for negative votes or abstentions, making clear that they do so on instructions from Ministers.

Oman?  
Should we  
thank? The  
rest of the  
Celtic abstained  
(I am sure that  
is kind for  
us)

Yours ever  
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## DRAFT MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

Your High Commissioner delivered to me on 4 November your reply to my message about the Argentine resolution on the Falkland Islands which was voted on later that day. Sri Lanka's decision to vote against this resolution is most warmly appreciated in this country and I am most grateful to you for the decision you took.