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From the Private Secretary

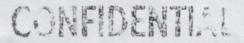
2 April, 1982

Falkland Islands

Thank you for your letter of 2 April suggesting that the Prime Minister should send a message to the Governor and people of the Falkland Islands. The Prime Minister has decided that she would prefer not to send such a message at the present time.

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Den John,

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister send a message to the Governor and people of the Falkland Islands. This would need to be despatched urgently since an Argentine attack would be followed shortly by a loss of communications with Port Stanley. I enclose a draft.

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

In this difficult and dangerous situation, please tell the people of the Falkland Islands that we admire their steadfastness, that our thoughts are with them. We are doing everything we can to help and to preserve their security.

