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From the Private Secretary

4 April 1982

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Prime Minister has agreed that a message of thanks should be sent to President Mitterrand in the following terms:

"Dear Mr. President,

I am most grateful to you for telephoning me yesterday to confirm France's support for us in the crisis created by the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands. Your support in the Security Council has been invaluable and the influence you were good enough to exert on our behalf with Zaire and Togo was indispensable to the adoption of our draft Resolution calling for immediate Argentine withdrawal.

I very much appreciated your thoughtfulness and kindness in telephoning me personally. It was such a warm gesture. One does need friends in times like these.

We are urgently considering other ways in which our allies may be able to help us in our efforts to resolve this crisis. Your personal support is a great encouragement.

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Thatcher."

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