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House of Commons Debate on  
Falkland Islands:  
Wednesday, 7 April

No decision has yet been taken on who should speak for the Government in the above debate. But since the time available is limited it would seem wise to begin work on a speech which can either be used by the Prime Minister or another Minister.

I should be most grateful if a draft speech could reach me by 1 pm on Tuesday, 6 April. I attach an outline of the kind of speech which the Prime Minister might wish to deliver.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH: POSSIBLE OUTLINE

The Objective

Return of Falkland Islands to British administration  
Role of Task Force  
Peaceful solution preferred. Otherwise we fight

Events since Speech on Saturday

South Georgia  
Falkland Islands - military build-up  
- Argentine measures against Islanders  
Return of Governor

Action being taken by HMG

Military measures  
Economic measures  
Diplomatic activity

Conclusion

Support for Armed Forces  
Careless talk costs lives  
Message to the people of the Falkland Islands  
Call for national unity