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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 April 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Edmund Vestey offering his help in the present situation. I have replied on behalf of the Prime Minister thanking him for his offer.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to David Omand (Ministry of Defence) and John Rhodes (Department of Trade).

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John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 5 April offering your help in the present situation regarding the Falkland Islands. Mrs. Thatcher was most grateful. We shall bear your offer in mind.

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP.,
Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Prime Minister.

If I can be of any help in the present crisis, I am at your disposal. My contacts with the Argentine Government, though not as close with President Galtieri as some of his predecessors, could perhaps be of use in certain circumstances. The FCO already know of this.

As regards the Merchant Navy, you may be sure that, as always in times of emergency, we will play our part to the best of our ability. The GCBS, as you will know, is in close touch with MOD and DOT about the chartering of suitable vessels.

*Yours sincerely
Edmund Vestey.*